

# American Lutheran Church

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**Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**September 7, 2024**

**Welcome to Worship! It is good to be together.**

**Your presence here is a gift to God and to others 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.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

## **Prayer of Confession** (based on Psalm 51)

Have mercy on us, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, forgive us. Free us from the guilt that weighs us down, from the sin that controls us.

**We have sinned against you, and done what is wrong in your eyes. We are well aware of the wrong we do: the words we speak which wound, the unloving thoughts and actions which hurt others and ourselves. We know that these things distance us from you, and keep us from recognizing your life in us. Forgive us.**

You desire complete honesty from us. We know that nothing can be hidden from you. And so we lay open our hearts to you now—we lay before you those things for which we need your forgiveness, and those things from which we long to be set free. Gracious God, enter our hearts. Teach us what it means to have you at the center of our lives.

**God, we need your mercy and forgiveness. Only you can make us whole again; only you can fill us with lasting joy, only you can transform our weakness into strength. O God, look no longer on our past mistakes, but on the aspirations and longing of our hearts.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God, open and receptive to your Spirit.

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, washed clean from bitter thoughts, from shame, guilt, envy and anger.**

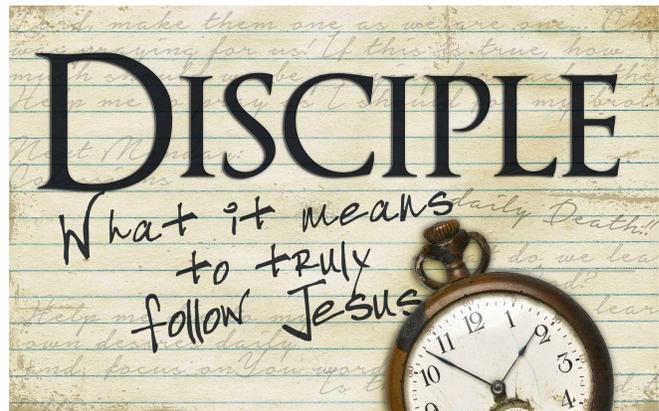
Create in us clean hearts, O God, free from anxiety about the past or the future, confident in the presence of your Holy Spirit, and in your gift of peace.

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, cleansed by your mercy, and made strong by your love.**

Loving and merciful God, we have so little to bring to You. But what we have, we willingly give: our humble spirits and contrite hearts. We long to be your disciples, to follow your path for our lives, and to share with others the good news of your love and mercy.

Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, full of unfailing love.

Today, receive God's forgiveness. **Thanks be to God!**



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.**

**Gloria**

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**Glory be to God in heaven; peace good will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in the promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright,  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**Prayer of the Day**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun,  
continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring  
us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

**Choir**

**Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18**

**Reader: Annie Frederick**

Lord, you have examined me and you know me. You know everything I do; from far away you  
understand all my thoughts. You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions.  
Even before I speak, you already know what I will say. You are all around me on every side; you  
protect me with your power.

Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding. You created every part of me;  
you put me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because you are to be feared; all you do is strange and wonderful. I know it with all my  
heart.

When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was  
growing there in secret, you knew that I was there - you saw me before I was born. The days  
allotted to me had all been recorded in your book, before any of them ever began.

O God, how difficult I find your thoughts; how many of them there are!

If I counted them, they would be more than the grains of sand.

When I awake, I am still with you.

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

**Children's Sermon**

## Luke 14: 25-33

Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, "Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well. Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples. If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. 'You began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say. If a king goes out with ten thousand men to fight another king who comes against him with twenty thousand men, he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. If he isn't, he will send messengers to meet the other king to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. In the same way," concluded Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have.

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

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- 1) Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":
- 2) As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3) Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 4) In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
- 5) Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

### Prayers of Intercession

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](http://americanlutheranchurch.net) -  
or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

## Meal

### The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface and the congregation responds:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

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

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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** *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*

Communion hymns: 491, 511, 556

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

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*Refrain:* Hallelujah! We sing your praises, All our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, All our hearts are filled with gladness.

1) Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread.  
give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

2) Now he sends us all out,

strong in faith, free of doubt. strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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*Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!*

## This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	AI-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Anna Circle
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Thursday	10am	Second Harvest Mobile Market
Sunday	10 am	Worship

**Remember in Prayer:** Cyndy Akre, Grady, Marjorie Lou Alliger, Scone Bender, Annika Britton, Barbara Campbell, Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Ellie and Bobby Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Eirie, Angel, Angelito (at the request of the Schellers), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Linda Hall (at the request of Terry Zakar), Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kapple family, Danny Litowitz, Sandy Loskill, Kadence (Dawn Morey's granddaughter), Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Joel Robertson, Robin (at the request of Cheryl Graff), Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law) Nakia Salazar; daughter Gabriella, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), 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:** July Actual Giving - \$14,412.13 July Budget - \$17,083.33 July Variance - (\$2,671.17). YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of July 31, 2025 is (\$9,440.72). Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

**2nd Harvest Mobile Market:** Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 10 am to Noon at the Newport Rodeo Grounds (across from 103 Garden Ave. Newport, WA). Volunteers are needed and should come at 9:00 am. Please remember to bring your own water bottles. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Buckley at 509-671-1922

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

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