



## American Lutheran Church

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**Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**September 14, 2025**

***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**

**O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go  
astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you  
and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

**Choir**

**Leviticus 19: 33-34**

**Reader: Faith Hughes**

**"Do not mistreat foreigners who are living in your land. Treat them as you would an Israelite, and  
love them as you love yourselves. Remember that you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I  
am the Lord your God."**

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

**Psalm 51: 1-12**

**Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away  
my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin!**

**I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins. I have sinned against you - only against  
you - and done what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me; you are justified in  
condemning me.**

**I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.**

**Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom. Remove my sin, and I will  
be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;  
and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.**

**Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil. Create a pure heart in me, O God,  
and put a new and loyal spirit in me.**

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

**Children's Sermon**

## Luke 15: 1-10

One day when many tax collectors and other outcasts came to listen to Jesus, the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law started grumbling, "This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!" So Jesus told them this parable:

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them—what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it. When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbors together and say to them, 'I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent.

### The Lost Coin

"Or suppose a woman who has ten silver coins loses one of them—what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, and says to them, 'I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!' In the same way, I tell you, the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents."

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

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- 1) **Our Father, we have wandered And hidden from your face  
In foolishness have squandered Your legacy of grace  
But now, in exile dwelling We rise with fear and shame  
As, distant but compelling We hear you call our name**
  
- 2) **And now at length discerning The evil that we do  
Behold us, Lord, returning With hope and trust to you  
In haste you come to meet us And home rejoicing bring  
In gladness there to greet us With calf and robe and ring**
  
- 3) **O Lord of all the living Both banished and restored  
Compassionate, forgiving And evercaring Lord  
Grant now that our transgressing Our faithlessness may cease  
Stretch out your hand in blessing In pardon, and in peace**

### 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: 453, 515, 574**

**Blessing**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

### **Sending Hymn**

#### **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

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- 1) **Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
God's sacrifice ended, O now be extended,  
The fruit of this mass in all hearts who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, our inner souls reading,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for man.  
His grace shall incite us, His love shall unite us,  
To further his Kingdom by God's holy plan.**
  
- 2) **With praise and thanksgiving, to God who is living.  
The tasks of our everyday life we embrace.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
We claim as our brothers all men of each race.  
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us,  
Unite us as one in His life that we share.  
Then may all the Living, with praise and thanksgiving.  
Give honour to Christ and His name that we bear.**

**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	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
	5pm	Wisdom, Women and Wine
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Sunday	9am	Youth Sunday School
	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, 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).

### Announcements:

**Every Sunday at 9:00 am youth Sunday School all kids are welcome!**

**Wisdom, Women, and Wine (WWW)** is gathering on Tuesday, September 16 at 5 p.m. This is an opportunity to get to know women in our church. Each month we meet to talk and laugh about what is meaningful to women of all ages. Please bring a beverage (sparkling cider, lemonade, wine or ?) or an appetizer to share!

**Giving Update:** August Actual Giving - \$21,280.68. August Budget - \$17,083.33. August Variance - \$4,197.35. YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of August 31, 2025 is (\$5,243.38) Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

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