

# American Lutheran Church

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**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 12, 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 and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### Choir

#### **2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15**

**Reader: Lee Shaver**

Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army, was highly respected and esteemed by the king of Syria, because through Naaman the Lord had given victory to the Syrian forces. He was a great soldier, but he suffered from a dreaded skin disease. In one of their raids against Israel, the Syrians had carried off a little Israelite girl, who became a servant of Naaman's wife. One day she said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could go to the prophet who lives in Samaria! He would cure him of his disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in dismay and exclaimed, "How can the king of Syria expect me to cure this man? Does he think that I am God, with the power of life and death? It's plain that he is trying to start a quarrel with me!"

When the prophet Elisha heard what had happened, he sent word to the king: "Why are you so upset? Send the man to me, and I'll show him that there is a prophet in Israel!"

So Naaman went with his horses and chariot and stopped at the entrance to Elisha's house. Elisha sent a servant out to tell him to go and wash himself seven times in the Jordan River, and he would be completely cured of his disease. But Naaman left in a rage, saying, "I thought that he would at least come out to me, pray to the Lord his God, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and cure me! Besides, aren't the rivers Abana and Pharpar, back in Damascus, better than any river in Israel? I could have washed in them and been cured!"

His servants went up to him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would have done it. Now why can't you just wash yourself, as he said, and be cured?" So Naaman went down to the Jordan, dipped himself in it seven times, as Elisha had instructed, and he was completely cured. His flesh became firm and healthy like that of a child. He returned to Elisha with all his men and said, "Now I know that there is no god but the God of Israel; so please, sir, accept a gift from me."

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

#### **Psalm 111**

Praise the Lord! With all my heart I will thank the Lord in the assembly of his people.

**How wonderful are the things the Lord does! All who are delighted with them want to understand them.**

All he does is full of honor and majesty; his righteousness is eternal.

**The Lord does not let us forget his wonderful actions; he is kind and merciful.**

He provides food for those who honor him; he never forgets his covenant.

**He has shown his power to his people by giving them the lands of foreigners.**

In all he does he is faithful and just; all his commands are dependable.

**They last for all time; they were given in truth and righteousness.**  
He set his people free and made an eternal covenant with them. Holy and mighty is he!  
**The way to become wise is to honor the Lord; he gives sound judgment to all who obey his commands. He is to be praised forever.**

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

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19**

As Jesus made his way to Jerusalem, he went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. He was going into a village when he was met by ten men suffering from a dreaded skin disease. They stood at a distance and shouted, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"

Jesus saw them and said to them, "Go and let the priests examine you."

On the way they were made clean. When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself to the ground at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. Jesus spoke up, "There were ten who were healed; where are the other nine? Why is this foreigner the only one who came back to give thanks to God?" And Jesus said to him, "Get up and go; your faith has made you well."

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day**

#### **"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"**

**#860**

- 1) I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2) Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 3) When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

#### **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 box 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*

## 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: #31 - 35 (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.**

***God of Life: God the creator - God of Hope: Christ the Redeemer - God of Peace: Holy Spirit -  
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
	7pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	7pm	Choir
Sunday	9am	Youth Sunday School
	10 am	Worship (Oktoberfest after service)

**Remember in Prayer:** Pastor Bob Albing, Cyndy Akre, Grady, Marjorie Lou Alliger, Scone Bender, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, 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, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kapple family, Sandy Loskill, Kadence (Dawn Morey's granddaughter), Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Jean Oxrieder, Joel Robertson, Robin (at the request of Cheryl Graff), Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), 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), Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece).

### **Announcements:**

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

**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.

The quilting group will have quilts on display Oct. 5th and 12th. If you would like to purchase one, the price is \$200. All the money made from sales is distributed to the Newport, Cusick, and Priest River Food Banks the first of December. As the quilts are packaged and sent on Oct 18th, please remember the people who receive them in your prayers. Thanks, Hedy

**Oktoberfest:** Our upcoming Oktoberfest celebration will be held on Sunday, October 19th. We'll have our brat cooker geared up. We will also be serving sauerkraut, potato salad and more! Plan to join us after services!

**Spokane Lutheran World Relief Ingathering:** Quilters, kit-makers, box-packers, materials buyers, drivers: Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will be October 17 & 18 at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9706 N Division, Spokane

**The Spokane Symphony presents: Songs by the River.** An intimate evening featuring select Spokane Symphony Chorale members performing a captivating program of vocal music along the picturesque Spokane River. This special night will highlight the artistry and talent of the Chorale in a serene, natural setting.

Presented by the Spokane Symphony Associates Cantabile Chapter, this special event supports the Spokane Symphony with all proceeds benefiting its programs and performances. Seating is limited. October 11th, SHOW 7PM. <https://foxtheaterspokane.org/>

**On All Saints Sunday (Nov. 2):** we will read aloud the names of saints who have died in the past 12 months. If there is someone whose name you would like included please contact the church office via email or drop a note in the offering box.

**Sunday Nov. 2:** In consultation with Bishop Meggan Manlove, seminarian Brenden Wiechert has been authorized to preside over the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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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](mailto:alc.churchoffice@gmail.com).