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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026



100th Anniversary Minute

Save the Date: Sunday October 18th
8:30am - Coffee and More
10:00am - Celebration Service and Program
11:30am - Century Celebration Potluck

Prelude
Welcome
Song of the Decade

Amazing Grace
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.
The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Thanksgiving for Baptism **p. 97**

Blessed be the holy Trinity one God, the fountain of living weather, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism....

...To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Kyrie – "Lord, Have Mercy" **p. 147**

Hymn of Praise - "This is the Feast" **p. 149**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, **you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

Choir -"Let Us Pray for Peace"

Jonah 3:10—4:11 **Reader: Kristi Bell**

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Psalm 145:1-8

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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

Gospel Acclamation **p. 151**

Matthew 20:1-16 **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take

what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **"As Saints of Old"** **#695**

Apostles Creed **p. 105**

Prayers of Intercession

*At the end of each petition the congregation responds with "**Your mercy is great.**"*

Peace

Since we are satisfied by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer:

God of creation you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

There is a box at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also make your offerings online on our website: americanlutheranchurch.net or mail them to the church — PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156

The Great Thanksgiving **p.152**

'Holy, Holy, Holy' **p.153**

Words of Institution

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

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. 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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life — given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.

"Lamb of God" **p.154**
Communion Hymns: 460, 534, 722, 765

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn **"Rise Up, O Saints of God"** **#669**

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	10am	Bible Study
	Noon	Mahjong (Fellowship Hall)
	Noon	Al-anon (upstairs)
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Saturday	4:30pm	Recovery and Support Group (note time change)
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Ken Akre, Trish Akre, Scone Bender, Spencer and Bonnie Berg, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown's mother, Barbara Campbell, Colleen (at the request of Dawn Morey), Geneva Fowler (at the request of Clara Wilner), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Annika Hughes, Gail Johnson, Imo Jones, Jaimie Jimenez, Ms. Koch, Bob and Pat Kowal, Hideo & Judy Lambley, Neal Leen (Theresa Watts's brother-in-law), family of Gae and Jeremy Lewis, Maria Manzano and family, Don and Glenda Pellow, Sark Ratliff, Carol Rock, Odessa Rodkey, Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Lynna Scheller, Judy Schoesler, Serina (Alicia's sister), Everly Stone-Fedor, Paul and Colleen Zakar, Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).
***Please note:** Prayer requests will normally be kept on the list for one month unless requested for longer.

Announcements:

All Saints Day "Holy Baptism" and "Affirmation of Baptism": All Saints Day is a day set aside by the Christian church to celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. The Lutheran church considers ANY day appropriate for Baptism and reaffirming our faith, but All Saints Day feels especially appropriate. The Lutheran services for Holy Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism are found on pages 227 and 234, respectively. On Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Day, American Lutheran Church will celebrate with a corporate affirmation but we are also encouraging anyone who would like to be baptized or individually affirmed in their baptism to let Pastor Brendan know. We will look forward to celebrating and rejoicing together on November 1st!

Stewardship Committee Update: Dear members in Christ, as we enter our 100th year we are in a year of transition as we have been going through the pastor selection process, while at the same time trying to stay within the budget established in 2026. As of August 31, our operating budget is at a net loss of $26,170. This is due to a number of factors, the largest by far, being "under" on the weekly offerings by $19,184. We also have had additional expenses of $6,985 due to transition costs regarding the new pastor, new bookkeeper and staff costs from extra tasks assigned. We have four months to catch up on weekly offerings before the end of this year. We offer this information as an effort to be financially "transparent" as to where we are to date. As we move forward through the remainder of this year, we ask for blessings for the entire church, and we continue to appreciate your support for our joint ministry of the church.

Online Directory: We are moving to a secure online directory: instantchurchdirectory.com . An email has been sent out. You must have an email to access the directory. If you do not have an email listed in the current directory, please email the office: alc.churchoffice@gmail.com . If you have any questions or concerns please see Lauretta.

Sunday school: Lauretta has volunteered to lead Sunday school at 10am, during worship. Please encourage all kids and grandkids (and any other youth they can wrangle) to join us on Sunday mornings!

Birthdays: We have moved to a birthday prayer on the first Sunday of the month for everyone with a birthday that month (instead of singing happy birthday).

Planning continues for our 100th Anniversary Celebration on October 18th!: American Lutheran Church is excited to kick off a 100th Anniversary pictorial! Stay tuned for details and start ironing your favorite shirt.

Scam: If you receive anything claiming to be from the Pastor asking for money/gift cards or a copy of the directory, it is a scam.

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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.