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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION
By J. Rippon

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word.,
What more can he say than to you he has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed. For I am your god and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Kyrie: "Lord, Have Mercy" **p. 147**

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

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir -"Let the Children Come"

Psalm 25: 1-9 **Reader: Val Samson**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Gospel Acclamation **p. 151**

Matthew 21:23-32 **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But

if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **"O Master, Let Me Walk With You"** **#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: 461, 542, 732, 817

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn **“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”** **#538**

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, Pastor Matt and the Goodrich family, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Annika Hughes, Gail Johnson, Imo Jones, Jaimie Jimenez, Ms. Koch, Steve Konkright, 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).

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.