

# WELCOME

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

**DECEMBER-MARCH 8:30AM**

## OUR MISSION

Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.

Praise God that we can worship together! We pray you will be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and strengthened in the faith that trusts in our Lord Jesus Christ and praises him for the gift of our salvation. Peace be with you!

## CONTACT US

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## Introduction to the day

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so happy you've joined us today. If you have any questions about our service or facilities, please reach out to an usher. If you are a guest please fill out the yellow slip and place it in the offering plate.

The children will be invited up front during the children's message – please feel free to join us!

All who are baptized are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing only, come with your hands folded.

If you are looking for a church home, know you are always welcome here.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Three

### Prelude by Shirley Bergman

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

*The assembly stands.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

### **GATHERING SONG *Restore in Us, O God* (ELW328)**

#### **GREETING**

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.**

#### **KYRIE:**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. R**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. R**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. R**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

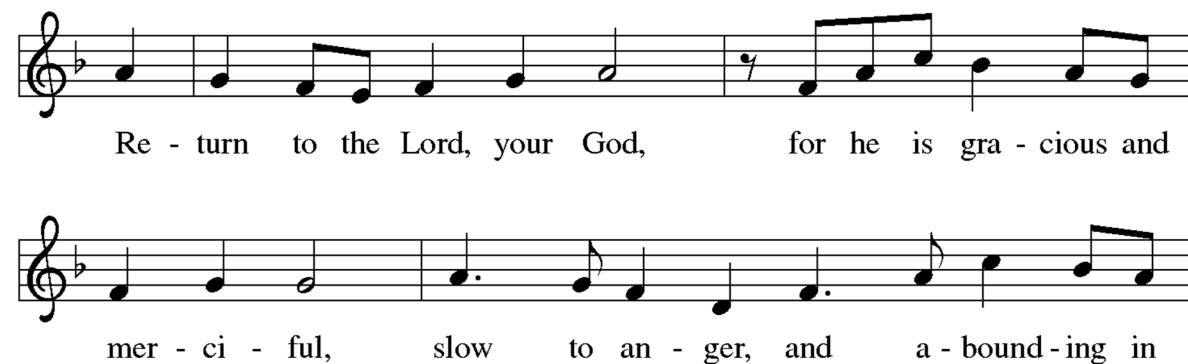
Word of God, word of life.

The assembly responds:

**Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler

of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

## **CHILDRENS SERMON SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY *Now the Green Blade Rises* (ELW 379)**

### **CREED**

*Please stand if you are able*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful (*especially Stephanie Winkelpleck, Dennis Becker, Christy*

Phillips and those we name in our hearts). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Join us as we continue our quest for a new pastor. May the God of grace hear and answer the prayers from our hearts, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**NOISY OFFERING** will be directed to the shipping cost for the Lutheran World Relief Health kits.

### OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliv-  
 er us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
 glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### COMMUNION

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Let us pray.

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heav-  
 en. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be  
 hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our pray-  
 er, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
 and Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING** Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you  
 now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (ELW 545)*

### DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

And have fun doing it.

**We will! Amen!**

**Postlude by Shirley Bergman**



## Announcements

### Time of service changes in April to 10:30 am April, May, June and July

**Prayer Shawl:** Tuesday, March 19th at 10 am, Fireside Room. Please contact Sharon McAtee at 319-827-6154 if you are in need of a shawl.

**Worship Wednesday** meets March 20th at 6:15 pm

**Items still needed to fulfill our goal of 45 Personal Care Kits** – This year our goal is to assemble 45 Personal Care kits. Thanks for the items that have been donated thus far. In order to meet our goal, the following items are needed: **27 dark** colored bath-size towels, **21** bars of soap, **34** toothbrushes and **41** nail clippers. Thank you for your generous support.

**Get ready to spice up Good Friday!** Join us on March 29th, 7 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Jesup for an Ecumenical Service. We need drama kings and queens from our congregation—1 for dramatic reading and 2 to rock event-appropriate attire (we've got you covered). Shine under the spotlight and make this service unforgettable. Reach out to Secretary Chris Waring at [secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or catch me in the office to volunteer and bring the drama!

**Lutheran World Relief Spring In-Gathering** – Women of ALC are invited to attend the Spring In-Gathering to be held at Zion Lutheran Church (Jubilee), 12007 Jubilee Road, La Porte City on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Beverages and treats will be provided starting at 8 AM. A program entitled **“Piece by Piece”** will begin at 9:30 AM. The loading of the quilts and kits will begin at 8 AM and conclude at 11

AM. Please consider attending and enjoy the fellowship with other women in our Synod. The Fall In-Gathering will also be held at Zion Lutheran on October 12<sup>th</sup>. This is the closest location to ALC that the In-Gatherings have been held – a rare opportunity to attend without traveling very far.

**ALC 90th Anniversary**– Our 90th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for July 28th, and we are actively seeking individuals to join the committee. For those interested, please reach out to Maureen Even at 563-880-8872 or contact Chris Waring at [Secretary@americanlutheranchurch.org](mailto:Secretary@americanlutheranchurch.org).

**Everyone is invited to participate** – individuals of all ages are welcome to read the Lessons and Psalm during Sunday mornings. If you're interested, please reach out to the church by emailing [secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or leaving a message at 319-827-6626.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Emelia Dahl Jacobson - Send cards to Emelia at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 52233.

Dennis Becker, 2550 S Ellsworth Rd. #812, Mesa, AZ 85209  
85118

Denny is home recovering from his heart valve replacement surgery. After a couple of weeks of recovery, the decision will need to be made regarding the removal of his gallbladder in AZ or come back to Iowa.

Stephanie Winkelpleck is back at home and continuing her trips to Iowa City twice a week.

**High School Retreat** April 19-21 Two nights at camp for grades 9-12.



www.ewalu.org/events Flyer on announcement board in the lobby.

### Summer camp

Kids (grades 1st-12th) will love the highly trained and encouraging college-age counselors. A week in Christian community at EWALU provides campers with a positive, safe, and life-changing faith experience. Allow your child to experience this fun way to develop their confidence in faith! ALC has funds set aside to help families with the cost and EWALU also has Grants for those that qualify.

Pamphlets with information and registration are located on the table by the entrance doors or online at <https://ewalu.org/> Check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EwaluBibleCamp/> or their Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/campewalu/?hl=en>

March 20 6pm Soup Supper 7 pm Zion

March 24th 8:30am Palm Sunday

March 28 Maundy Thursday 7 pm ALC

March 29th 7pm Ecumenical

Good Friday, United Methodist

March 31st Easter Sunday 7am Zion, 9am ALC



### LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Office Hours: M,W,F 9am-noon, There may be some exceptions to this schedule please call the Church office to see if Chris is available before making a trip. (Not in the office March 19th-24)

## THIS WEEK AT ALC

### Sunday March 17th

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

### Tuesday, March 19th

6:30pm Council Meeting

### Wednesday, March 20th

6pm Soup Supper @ Zion

7pm Soup Supper @ Zion

## BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 3/10/2024 **25**

FB Views: 66

Current **2/29/2024**

Checking: \$6719.27

Improvement Fund: \$37541.89

Memorial: \$6390.41

Offering: **3/10/24**

Current: \$665

Benevolence: \$160

Improvement: \$100

Youth: \$200

### PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

Mar. 17th Pastor Phil Borleske

Mar. 20th Mid Week Lent Zion

Mar. 24th Pastor Dan Mixdorf

Mar. 31st Pastor Phil Borleske

April 7th Pastor Luther Thoreson

April 14th Pastor Phil Borleske

April 21st Pastor Dan Mixdorf

April 28th Pastor Liz Bell

### Military members: Military members:

Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a student at Iowa State and currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves as Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

### ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Phil Borleske

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Schares/Clarks

Deacon: Maureen Even

## ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!



Simply Giving is a stress-free, no hassle way to set up automatic giving to ALC. You have the ability to set up one-time or regular giving at a frequency that works best for you. Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below or download the Give+ App to get started. Feel free to reach out to Mike Waring or Sara Borland for more info.