

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism of Our Lord

ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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.

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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.

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.

Please note: In order to conserve paper we are eliminating printing the whole service.

You can use the RED HYMNAL for the following
(ELW p. #) = Page number (ELW #) = Hymn number

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE SHIRLEY BERGMAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Surely the Lord is in this place—whether we noticed it or not.

All: This is holy ground.

Pastor: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name—

All: God is present among us.

Pastor: Right Here. Right Now. We are Holy.

All: Let us worship the Living God

GATHERING SONG *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus* (ELW 451)

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 140) **THIS IS THE FEAST**

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. R**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. R**

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.

¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. **R**

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you

come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ELW pg. 235 &237

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE (ELW p143)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED (ELW #186) Create in Me

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW P.144)

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.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

THE LORDS PRAYER (ELW P.145)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION=

Let us pray.
O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Baptized in Water* (ELW 456)

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements need to be placed in the file on the church office door by Wednesday evening. Articles for THE LAMP are due in the office by noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES: Busy bags are available. Please feel free to borrow them each Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & MEAL

January 18 | Worship at 9:00 a.m. *(No 4:00 p.m. service)* Following worship, we'll meet to vote on the 2026 budget, elect council and nominating committee members, and discuss the future of pastoral leadership. Your presence and vote matter.

Remember our members in your prayers: Bob, Wendell, Gene, Shirley, Bill , Sharon, Jeanne, Debbie and Marie

Annual Reports due to the secretary no later than Jan 12th

BIBLE RECAP – JOIN US! We're reading the entire Bible together using **The Bible Recap!** Daily readings, brief summaries, and short videos are available through the free **YouVersion Bible App**.

We'll meet on Sundays **during or after fellowship** to recap the week's readings and share reflections and insights together.
Interested in joining? Please email **Pastor Pat** at patmohrkelly@gmail.com.
Let's try this journey together!

Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye Jones kayejns@gmail.com or the office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer concerns.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, January 11th

9am Worship with Communion
3pm Confirmation
4pm Contemporary Worship

Wednesday, January 14th

6pm Worship Wednesday

Sunday, January 18th

9am Worship with Communion
10am Annual Meeting followed by Brunch
3pm Confirmation

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 1/4/26

10am 24 4pm 7

Offering: 1/4/26

Current: \$1389

Benevolence: \$160

Improvement: \$25

Current Balance as of 11/30/2025

Checking: \$11,881.71

Savings: \$55,256.46

Improvement \$27,621.49

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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 stationed at Fort Knox and in the Army Reserves Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly
Music: Shirley Bergman
Usher: Bergman Family
Deacon: Maureen Even
Reader: Keaton Lysne
Fellowship: 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.

