

Welcome

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, March 22, 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE KAREN WELTZIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

GATHERING SONG *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)

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 (ELW p. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

² **O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³ If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴ **Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. R**

⁵ I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸ **For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Romans.

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

The gospel concludes:

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW 666)* *The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

APOSTLE'S CREED—*In the back cover of your hymnal or on page 105*

PRAYER SONG *Jesus, Remember Me (ELW 616)*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

PEACE

OFFERING HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart (186)*

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.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

LORD'S PRAYER

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

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

SENDING SONG *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: KAREN WELTZIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

SWING INTO SPRING VENDORS EVENT

LOCATION: 531 Prospect St, Jesup, DATE/TIME: Sunday, Mar 28, 2026 from 09:00-13:00

Get your pockets ready to **make some noise!** Our **March Noisy Offering** will support the **EWALU Building Project**. Bring your coins, spare change, and even those quiet dollar bills to help strengthen this important ministry.

Fellowship Host needed for March 29th

<https://tinyurl.com/c7vh7erv>
Scan QR code, use the link
or leave message for
Chris 319-827-6626



QR Code for Fellowship Sign up

The **First Presbyterian Church in Jesup** is currently looking for a part-time bookkeeper. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Ruth Crowell at 319-930-7134 for more information.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd 2 and 7pm
Easter Sunday, April 5th 9am

Let's Pack the Pews!

As part of our process to call a new pastor, a group of us is putting together a video of everything our wonderful congregation has to offer. We'd like to film some moments during and after worship on **Sunday, April 12**, as we pray, sing, and share fellowship together. Some individuals may also be asked to be interviewed that day and will be contacted ahead of time.

So, let's pack the pews on April 12 to show a new potential pastor all the life and joy we have at ALC!

P.S. Filming may take place during other services or activities at the church and in the community in the coming months as well. Smile!

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, March 22nd

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

Tuesday, March 24th

9am Quilters

Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29th

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

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance March 15th

10am 47 4pm no service

Offering: March 8th

Current \$990

Benevolence: \$80

Improvement: \$25

Our Saviour \$68

EWALU \$111

Current Balance as of 2/28/2026

Checking: \$9,303.98

Savings: \$63,996.93

Improvement \$38,797.79

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Military members: Military members:

Christa Leach has been called to active duty with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin are still members of the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is stationed at Fort Knox and in the Army Reserves. Cassidee is stationed in Iowa City and Cole is currently home. Cody Clayton is back from Fort Benning, Georgia Basic Training and will report to Dubuque. Karsten Nuehring is currently at Fort Lee in Virginia for his AIT training

Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Leader: Pastor Mohr-Kelly

Music: Karen Weltzin

Usher: Schares, Clarks

Deacon: Sheila Collins

Reader: Connie Hamilton

Fellowship: Connie Hamilton

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.

