

WELCOME

5th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten
Sunday, July 13, 2025

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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Introduction to the day



To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Welcome to worship, we're glad you're here! If you do not have a church home, please know that you are welcome to make this your church home.

God's blessings to you!

PRELUDE by Shirley Berman
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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

GATHERING SONG *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* (WOV 734)
Blue Book

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving

**care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our
neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Deuteronomy.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. R

⁵ 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.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷ 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.

⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Colossians.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in

the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him,

and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (WOV 731)

CREED

**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

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS: God, of mercy, **Hold us in love.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING (Hymn ELW 186)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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.

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. 207)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (WOV 723)*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

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 second Wednesday of each month.

Starting in July, services at American Lutheran Church will be held on Sundays at 9:00 am and Praise Worship at 4:00 pm.

VBS– True North August 3-7
6:00-8:00pm

Land-o-Corn Pavilion, Young Street

Entering Pre-K to 4th Grade

Volunteers needed 6th grade on up!



See Christy Phillips for more information.(319-822-4267)

**** Shhh... It's a Secret!****

A special milestone is coming up for a very special lady in our church family — **Dar Thompson is turning 95 on July 28th!**

Her son Rory would love to **surprise her with a card shower**, and we think it's a wonderful idea! Dar loves getting mail — the real kind, not the junk or bills she usually finds in the mailbox.

If sending cards is your thing and you have a minute, we invite you to brighten her birthday with a note or greeting. Cards sent early are just fine — her daughter will keep them tucked away until the big day.

Send cards to:
Dar Thompson
424 7th St.
Jesup, Iowa 50648

Let's help make this a birthday Dar won't forget, **but remember, it's a surprise!**

Help Feed Local Families This Summer

The Jesup Ministerial Association is continuing its mission to support families in need through our **Summer Food Program** — and **we have just two distribution dates left: July 23 and August 6.**

ALC is making a big impact, and we're so grateful for your help! To finish strong, we are still in need of:

- **12 more boxes of instant oatmeal**
- **13 more cans of fruit**

Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lower narthex. Every item helps us fill food boxes that make a real difference in our community. **Thank you for bringing hope to the table!**



ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!

Keep ALC in Your Summer Plans – Even When You're Away!

Summer can get busy with vacations, family events, and weekends away—but your faithful support of American Lutheran Church doesn't have to take a break.

Simply Giving is an easy, no-stress way to continue your tithes and offerings, even when you're not in the pews. Whether you choose one-time or recurring donations, you can set up giving on a schedule that works for you. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or download the Vanco Mobile app to get started today.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday July 13th
9 am Worship with Communion
4pm Praise Worship
Monday July 14th
6:30pm Council meeting
Sunday July 20th
9am Worship with Communion
4pm Praise Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 06/29/25
8:30am 18 4pm 18
Attendance July 6/29-25
9am 18 4pm 10

Current Balance May 30th
Checking: \$1868.87
Improvement Fund: \$48,524.81
Savings: \$42,346.38

Offering: 06/29 & 7/6 2025
Current: \$2190
Benevolence: \$420
Improvement: \$125
Food Pantry: \$200
LDR \$250
Funds for Leaders \$100
LWR \$50



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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 Pat Mohr-Kelly
Music: Shirley Bergman
Usher: Bill & Barb Schneider
Deacon: Christy Phillips
Reader: Christy Phillips
Fellowship Host:

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