

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

14th Sunday after Pentecost

WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life

Sunday, September 14, 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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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.

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

You can use the BLUE HYMNAL for the following
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE BY CASSIE GORMAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p. 10)

ENTRANCE HYMN *Listen, God Is Calling:* (WOV 712)

GREETING

KYRIE (WOV p. 28)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from Exodus.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may con-

sume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight. R**

⁵ And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

⁶ **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸ **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. R**

⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰ **Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p. 31)

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *On Eagle's Wings* (WOV 779)

CREED (WOV p. 32-33)

PRAYER SONG WOV #775

THE PRAYERS

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE (WOV p. 34)

The Offering is received (WOV p. 35)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (WOV p. 36)

LORD’S PRAYER (WOV p. 39)

COMMUNION (WOV p. 39)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (WOV p. 40)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (WOV p. 41)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

SENDING HYMN (WOV #771) **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

BLESSING (WOV p. 41)

Almighty God, Father, \pm Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

DISMISSAL (WOV p. 41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: CASSIE GORMAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, Gene, Shirley, Jeanne and Marie.

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

Wisdom of the Ages: Keeping Our Seniors Safe

** “Protecting our seniors means protecting our whole community.” **

Join us for **Wisdom of the Ages: Keeping Our Seniors Safe** on **Saturday, Sept. 27, 1–2 PM at Winding Creek Meadows, Jesup.** Learn about scams, financial security, physical safety, and more, with a Q&A to follow.

Sponsored by the **Rural Women’s Study Club**, in collaboration with the **Riverview Center** and **Winding Creek Meadows.**

Light refreshments will be served — all are welcome!

Tailgate Feast

Join us at **Zion Lutheran Church** on **Sunday, Sept. 28, from 4:30–6:30 PM** for a delicious Tailgate Feast! Dine in or drive thru and enjoy grilled brats or burgers, potato salad or mac & cheese, baked beans, chips, and dessert.

Cost: Ages 6+ \$10 • Ages 5 and under FREE.

Thursdays with God

Fireside Room or via Zoom, 6:00–7:30 PM.
This fall we’re exploring the life of Paul—his background, transformation, and impact on the early church. Together we’ll ask big questions and discover Paul in a whole new light. Everyone is welcome!

GROUNDING IN Prayer: A Training Guide for Congregational Prayer

Join a 6-week small group study designed to help you begin or deepen your prayer life. Together we’ll explore themes like the groundwork of prayer, tools for prayer, and blessing the good soil. Sign up by writing “Prayer Group” with your name on a slip of paper and placing it in the offering plate, or let Pastor Pat, Chris, or Kaye Jones know.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

ALC is collecting supplies to fill 25 backpacks for the Fall In-Gathering on October 8. Items still needed include notebooks, rulers, scissors, pencil sharpeners, pens, and crayons. Please bring donations to the church by **Sunday, September 21**. Thank you for your support!

Give Your Shoes a Second Life – Change a Life! Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

Mike and Chris Waring, members of ALC and the Independence Lions Club, invite YOU to join them in making a difference! Gently used or new shoes can be dropped in the shopping cart.

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

The Independence Lions Club is collecting new and gently used shoes for Soles4Souls, with a goal of 10,000 pairs! Each donation helps fight poverty, keeps shoes out of landfills, and creates opportunities for people in need. A collection box is in the lower narthex—every pair makes a difference!

Noisy Offering for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

On Sundays, October 5th and 12th, we will hold a Noisy Offering to support the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fundraiser. Since local businesses are no longer allowing collections at their locations, our church has the opportunity to step in and help keep this important tradition alive. Bring your change—and let’s make some joyful noise together for a great cause!.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, Sept. 14th

9am Worship with Communion
4pm Contemporary Worship
5pm Confirmation

Wednesday, Sept. 17th

6pm Worship Wednesdays

Thursday, Sept. 18th

6:30pm Thursday’s with God Bible Study in person or by Zoom

Sunday, Sept. 21st

9am Worship with Communion
4pm Contemporary Worship
5pm Confirmation

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance September 7th 26
4pm 11

Offering: **8/31/2025**

Current: \$1580

Benevolence: \$70

Improvement: \$25

Food Pantry \$100

Current Balance as of 8/31/25

Checking: \$1,788.90

Savings: 32,876.36

Improvement \$50,681.09

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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: Cassie Gorman
Usher: Sheila Collins, Wayne Schneider
Deacon: Mike Waring
Reader: Keaton Lysne

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.

