

WELCOME

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship Plan for Sunday, July 28, 2024
10th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

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



Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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

Prelude; Cassie Frush Gorman and Kendra Frush Elwood Duet
Owen Riggs-Piano, Charlie Stanek-Clavinova

WELCOME & RECOGNITIONS

Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly

GATHERING

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

Bishop Kevin Jones

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729) vs1,5*
Shirley Bergman-Organ

GREETING

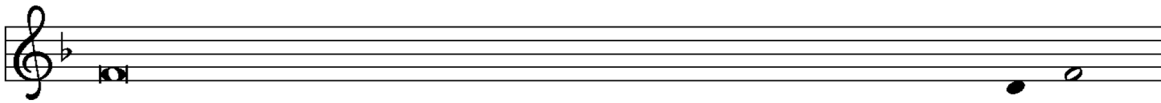
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.


KYRIE: Jen Bistline , flute; Shirley Bergman piano



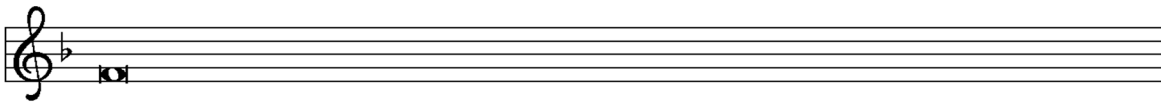
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



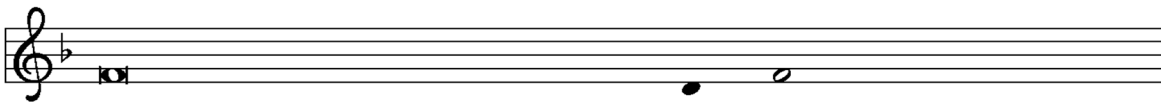
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



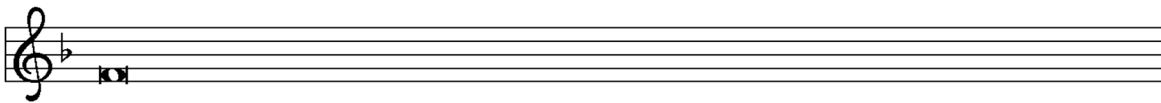
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



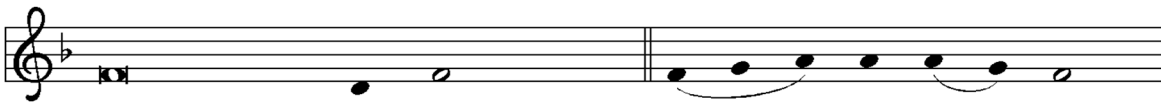
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



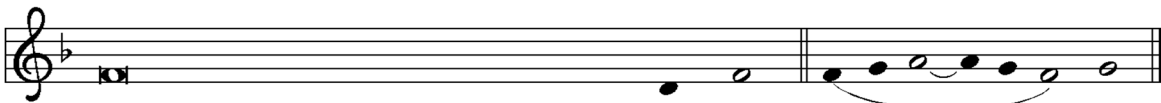
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has




Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of




Refrain
God; to make all things new.



Refrain



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray 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: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A reading from 2 Kings.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?"

So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works. R**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully. **R**

Family of Faith Choir—Directed by Carol Anhalt, Shirley clavi nova

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then

Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Pat Mohr– Kelly

SERMON

Bishop Kevin Jones

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

The congregation is encouraged to join in the march!

HYMN OF THE DAY We Are Marching in the Light: (ELW 866)

Praise Team percussion, Jem Bistline-Piano, Cassie Gorman-Clavino, Shirley Bergman-Organ

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering (Stephany Winkelpleck and especially *those we name in our hearts*), families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God we give you thanks for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry and those who will carry its mission forward. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet each other as you feel comfortable)

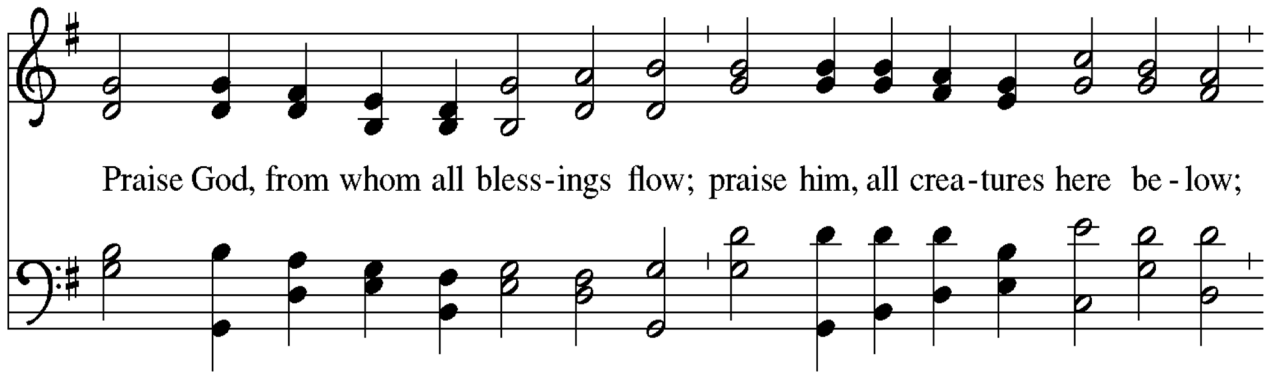
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated

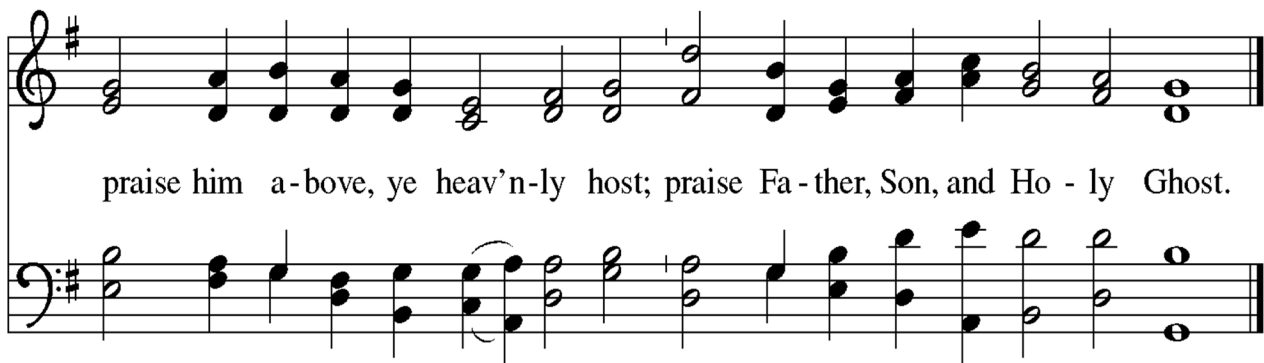
Special Offering for ELCA World Hunger—any loose plate or in envelope from the pew.

OFFERING Marcia Riggs trumpet, Scott Riggs trombone.

OFFERTORY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION We practice open communion. all who have been baptized are welcome to partake in the Lord's Table.

COMMUNION SONG *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (ELW 592)

Julie Yeager Wood clavi nova, Shirley Bergman organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by the sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do; to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

RECOGNITIONS

Council President Christy Phillips

SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)

Shirley Bergman

DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

And have fun doing it.

We will! Amen!

PRAYER FOR MEAL

Postlude by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS
August -November Worship at 8:30am

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. Stephanie Winkelpleck is home and is continuing to go to Iowa City for checkups.*

First Communion Classes at Zion will be on August 1st from 2 to 5 pm, and August 3rd from 2 to 4 pm. We'll have lessons, snacks, and activities, including baking communion bread and decorating communion cups. First Communion will be on August 4th at for Zion, ALC will set date according to attendance. Pastor Pat will be in attendance also. Please contact Candy Lompe at purrpullperson@yahoo.com if your child will attend.

The Independence Garden Club is hosting a Garden Walk Sun, July 28 from 2-4 PM at Howard and Monica Beyers 1045 3rd St and Dave and Kathy Sabers 2238 Blackhawk-Buchanan Ave. The Independence Homes: Dave Nelson 502 15th Ave NE, Dan Kegler 1114 3rd Ave NE and Sue Alber 800 14th St NE.

Community Vacation Bible School, August 4th—8th 6pm-8pm, Jesup Park Pavilion

VBS is FREE and open to all children from the ages 4 through those entering the 5th grade in the fall. Invite your friends!

Registration forms on the bulletin board in the back of the church or online at <https://jesupvbs2024.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

The Independence Area Food Pantry is having a Personal Care Drive on August 3rd. Here is the link to sign up to help.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A62EA2FCC25-50155672-personal> Thank you for supporting us.

You may also drop off Personal care items at ALC and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry

Prayer Shawl: Please contact Sharon McAtee at 319-827-6154 if you are in need of a shawl.

Thank you

Bishop Kevin Jones for presiding over Worship and Communion. Pastor Pat Mohr– Kelly for her assistance to the Bishop

Anniversary Committee– Maureen Even, Shiela Collins, Mary Adams, Shirley Bergman and Chris Waring

The Youth and sponsors for their help in the kitchen today

Those who **helped unload** Pastors moving POD

Those who put in more than **10 hours of church landscaping** care this week.

The musicians for our service today and for those who participated in the

Choir: Sheila Collins, May Adams, Iva Ruehs, Joellen Yeager, Kris Yeager, Pastor Lehmann, Mark Lehmann, John, Sarah, Marcia and Robert Bergman, Pastor Dawn Pederson, Sara Borland, Cyndi and Carmen Nuehring, Beth Stanek, Piper Zelle, Cassie Frush Gorman and Kendra Frush

If your name has been missed I apologize, I may not have received the information before printing

American Lutheran Church Celebrates 90 Years!

The early beginnings of American Lutheran date back to 1932 when a canvass of the area was undertaken by Rev. Henry Mueller of Waterloo that indicated sufficient interest in establishing a church in the area. This was due St. Michael's Lutheran (the Forks) north of Jesup having been disbanded and the closing of St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation in Westburg Township south of Jesup. On July 3, 1934, the first organizational meeting was held in Colonial Hall in Jesup with 39 baptized members (28 confirmed). Rev. Harry A. Wilke was the first called pastor under whom the congregation progressed.

Plans were made to build a new bungalow-chapel for a place to

worship. A lot was purchased on the corner of Sixth and Purdy Streets to build the new chapel and provide a space for the future building of a church. The congregation's first house of worship was ready in May 1935. The congregation was soon outgrowing the chapel and plans began for a new sanctuary to be built on the corner where the parsonage was standing but World War II delayed this construction. On April 11, 1948, ground was broken on the new brick church with the old parsonage that sat on the corner having been moved away. Christmas Eve services were held in the new basement that year. The chapel adjacent to the church was converted to serve as the new parsonage. The new brick church and the parsonage were dedicated on July 3, 1949, on the fifteenth anniversary to the day of the founding of the church. The bell on the top of the current brick sign at American came from the old St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation, Westburg Township.

An addition to the church was added in 1964 to provide more educational space, a pastor's study, a multi-purpose room and larger entry. American Lutheran was bequeathed a house on 8th Street to serve as the parsonage in 1984. The bungalow-style parsonage was sold and moved out to the country that same year. The space vacated by the parsonage was paved over to create a parking lot. Stained glass windows were added to the sanctuary windows in 1978 and a large stained-glass window was added in the balcony window in 1994. In 2009, an addition was built to include an elevator to provide accessibility to all three levels of the church.

The pastorate record of the Church is as follows: (Year given is the beginning of the Pastor's tenure) 1934, Harry W. Wilke; 1940, Harold C. Kumpf; 1947, Gilbert J. Meyer; 1952, Fred F. Darnauer; 1958, Robert Lehmann; 1959, Marvin Beninga; 1972, Virtus Stoffregen; 1993, John Reigstad; 2004, Dawn Pederson; 2016, Kristen Corr-Rod and now Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly

"Sons" and "Daughters" of the congregation include: Rev. Leon Zummak; Rev. Vernon Strempeke, Ph.D.; Rev. Don Fuller; Mrs. Phillip Mueller (Regina Welsh), Pastor Fred Boyce; Pastor Jim Boyce, Ph.D.; Pastor Christa Hoppe Strum; and Pastor Tyler Hoey.

THIS WEEK AT ALC **Sunday August 4th** **8:30am** **Worship & Communion**

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 7/21/2024 **26**

FB Views: 109

Current **June 30, 2024**

Checking: \$7870.66

Savings: \$62,986.05

Offering: **June 21st**

Current: \$1330

Benevolence: \$260

Improvement: \$25

Lutheran disaster Relief: \$400

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Bishop Kevin Jones

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly

Usher: Pat Winblade,

Kenny & Teri Schares

Deacons: Christy Phillips,

Maureen Even

Greeters:

Bill and Barb Schneider

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.



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.