

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of Our Lord
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, February 15, 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
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE COURTNEY FRUSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

GATHERING SONG *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Exodus.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua,

and Moses went up onto the mountain of God.¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴ God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision. R

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ "As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. R

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰ And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take refuge in God! R

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 2 Peter.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* (ELW 315)

NICENE CREED—In the back cover of your hymnal or on page 104

PRAYER SONG VS 1 *Drawn to the Light* (ELW 593)

People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night. Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, in a world and nation divided by conflict, bring an end to violence and unrest. Guide leaders with wisdom and compassion, protect all in danger, shelter the displaced, and lead us in the way of your peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, guide our congregation through the call process with prayerful discernment and trust in your Holy Spirit.

By your will, lead us to the pastor you are calling to walk with us in Word and Sacrament. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p143)

Noisy Offering—Our Savior's Lutheran Church

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED (ELW #182) This is the Feast

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (ELW 671)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *COURTNEY FRUSH*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

BIBLE RECAP – following worship

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

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has incurred a terrible accident. On January 26, 2026, water pipes burst due to the extreme cold. To mitigate costs, we are asking for donations to support the clean-up and damage repair.

Please make checks to: Our Savior's Lutheran Church and write Building maintenance or water damage on the memo line. You can mail to: Our Savior's Lutheran Church or payable to American Lutheran Church and the office will see that Our Savior receives the donation.

420 Harwood Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa 50701, or drop them by the office Monday-Friday 8am-Noon. Please prayerfully consider helping. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, February 15th

9am Worship with Communion
3pm Confirmation—Game night
4pm Praise Worship

Tuesday, February 10th

9am Quilters
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th

2pm Worship

6pm Worship Wednesday

Sunday, February 22nd

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

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance February 8th

10am 31 4pm 5

Offering: February 8th

Current \$1240

Benevolence: \$80

Improvement: \$275

Current Balance as of 1/31/2026

Checking: \$8372.53

Savings: \$63,980.73

Improvement \$49,504.38

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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:

Leader: Maureen Even

Music: Courtney Brush

Usher: Randy Brush

Deacon: Connie Hamilton

Reader: Connie Hamilton

Fellowship: Beth Stanek

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