

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, October 26, 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 RED HYMNAL for the following
(ELW p. #) = Page number (ELW #) = Hymn number

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE BY SHIRLEY BERGMAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

GATHERING SONG *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric)* (ELW 504)

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are

brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The reading may be concluded:

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a

slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW 517)*

CREED (ELW P.104)

PRAYER SONG ELW # 814

THE PRAYERS

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

PEACE (ELW p.143)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED (ELW #182)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW P.144)

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 (ELW P.145)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG *On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)*

POSTLUDE: SHIRLEY BERGMAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

All Saints Sunda November 2nd

If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one during worship, please submit their name to Secretary Chris or put a note in the offering plate by October 29th.

Giving Tree for Jesup Community School Youth

This year, in lieu of our traditional Bremwood gifts (as Bremwood no longer houses youth), we’re focusing our giving closer to home.

Our Giving Tree is up and ready to spread warmth this winter! Each ornament on the tree represents a coat, hat, or pair of mittens for youth at Jesup Community School.

If you’d like to participate, simply take an ornament, purchase the listed item, and **return it to the church by November 15th.** Prefer to give a monetary gift?

No problem — Cindy Gosse will gladly do the shopping for you!
Let's join together to keep local kids cozy and share the warmth of Christ's love in our community this season.

Peanut Butter Drive – Helping Local Students

We're collecting peanut butter for the Jesup School Backpack Food Program to help students have nutritious food over the weekends. Place donations in the lower narthex collection bin anytime — this is an ongoing effort. Let's fill those backpacks with love, one jar at a time!

Chrismon Ornament Workshop Join us on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 AM to noon for a fun and faith-filled morning of crafting, laughter, and fellowship. No experience needed — just bring your holiday spirit (and maybe a friend or two)! Let's make the sanctuary shine bright with symbols of love and joy this Christmas!

Join us for Cottage Meetings! Sign up sheet at the back of the church

In October and November the Council will be conducting cottage meetings to gather your feedback and listen to your needs. Each of these meetings will be small, open discussions about your needs, what you're currently getting from our church, and what you hope to see us grow into. You only need to join us for one meeting from the dates below. Please sign up for a meeting on the sign up sheet at the back of the church, by calling at (319-827-6626), or by emailing Chris at secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings but would like to provide your thoughts, please reach out to a Council member. We look forward to hearing your voice about the future of ALC!

All meetings will be held at the church on the following dates:

- o Sunday, October 26, 2025 @ 5:00 PM
- o Wednesday, October 29, 2025 @ 2:00 PM
- o Sunday, November 2, 2025 @ 10:30 AM
- o Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
- o Sunday, November 9, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 29TH

6pm Worship Wednesdays

Sunday, November 2nd

All Saints Sunday

9am Worship with Communion
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BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance September 19th

9am 39

4pm 5

Offering: 10/19/2025

Current: \$2460

Benevolence: \$60

Improvement: \$25

LWR \$100

Noisy Offering \$85

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: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Tom & Sue Hoey

Deacon: Christy Phillips

Reader: Christy Phillips

Fellowship: Council

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.

