

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, January 18, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

GATHERING SONG *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW 733)

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from *Isaiah*.

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely

my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently up on the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies. R

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. R**

⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love
and truth from the great assembly.**

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy

Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Abide With Me* (ELW 629)

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

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE (ELW p143)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED (ELW #186) *Create in Me*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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)

THE LORDS PRAYER (ELW P.145)

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

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* (ELW 696)

POSTLUDE

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 2nd Wednesday of each month.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & MEAL TODAY

January 18 | Worship at 9:00 a.m. (No 4:00 p.m. service) Following worship, we'll meet to vote on the 2026 budget, elect council and nominating committee members, and discuss the future of pastoral leadership. Your presence and vote matter.

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

American Lutheran Church is once again participating in the Educational Partners in Covenant (EPIC) Scholarship Program for the 2026-2027 school year. Through this program ELCA colleges, which include Grand View, Luther, and Wartburg, match scholarship funds from churches, dollar for dollar, up to \$750. ALC has allocated funds for this scholarship in their annual budget, with an award cap per qualified applicant of \$750. Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board by the secretary's office. They must be returned by March 1st, 2026 to the secretary's office to the attention of Pat Winblade, Scholarship Chairperson. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Winblade, 319-290-9281

BIBLE RECAP – postponed due to Annual Meeting and Brunch!

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

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, January 18th

9am Worship with Communion
Followed by annual Meeting and Brunch

3pm Confirmation

Wednesday, January 21st

6pm Worship Wednesday

Sunday, January 25th

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

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance January 11th

10am 41 4pm 6

Offering: January 11th

Current \$1425

Benovolence: \$70

Improvement: \$25

World Hunger \$300

Youth \$50

Current Balance as of 12/31/2025

Checking: \$18,691.80

Savings: \$55,271.95

Improvement \$49,602.27

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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:

Usher: Bergman Family

Deacon: Connie Hamilton

Reader: Sara Borland

Fellowship:

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.

