American Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Our Mission:*Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church
to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.



All are welcome at American Lutheran

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, all are welcome at American Lutheran—with no exceptions. We delight in the energy, clamor, and activity of children. You are welcome to sit anywhere you are comfortable with them.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We offer gluten-free wafers at your request, and you may choose between red wine or grape juice. If you would prefer a blessing, just cross your arms over your heart when you come forward.

If you haven't signed the list or guest book in the back, you are invited to do so before you leave. If you have any furhter questions or need assistance, an usher will be happy to help you.

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.



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Sunday, November 8, 2026
Pentacost 24

Prelude: Cala Andreassen

Welcome & Worship Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Gathering Song: *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

Kyrie (ELW p. 184)

Greeting (ELW p. 138)
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.

Prayer of the Day
Let us pray.
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kids' Time

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.
A reading from Amos.
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the
Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a
bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by
a snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no
brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not
accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look

upon. [23] Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. [24] But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 70
[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
[2] Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
A reading from 1 Thessalonians.
[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.
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Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142)

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9] But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12] But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

S**ermon**
Take time for reflection following the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (ELW 436)

Apostles’ Creed pg. 105 or found in the back cover of the Red Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition will be, “God, in your mercy” and you may respond**, “Hear our prayer.”**

Closing petition:
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved**. Amen.**

Peace

Offering-*The Noisy offering for November & December will go towards God’s Good Gifts*

Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW 689) vs. 2
God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Offering Prayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW p. 145)
O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 134)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Commmunion Song: Lamb of God (ELW p. 135) (Setting 2)

TABLE BLESSING

Prayer after Communion

Sending Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: *When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)* (ELW 785)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
And have fun doing it! We will! **Amen.**

Postlude: Cala Andreassen

Join us for Fellowship following worship in the basement;
Waring's providing treats

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendel Erpelding, Shirley Bergman, Bill Schneider, Sharon McAtee, Jeanne Thompson, Emelia Dahl, Lori Even, Marie Bushkofsky, Kaye Jones, Christy Phillips, Kevin Oberbrockling, & Eleanor Fratzke
Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye Jones kayejns@gmail.com or the office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer concerns**.**

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Our Noisy Offering throughout November and December will support ELCA Good Gifts!

This program provides gifts such as farm animals, seeds, tools, and access to clean water to help families meet daily needs and build lasting sources of food and income.
Our Worship Wednesday kids are joining in by collecting offerings for this mission project, too! Bring your coins and help us make a joyful noise as we share God's love with our neighbors around the world!

Thanksgiving Offering to Support the Food Pantry
This year, gifts received in our Thanksgiving envelopes will support the Independence Area Food Pantry, helping provide food for our neighbors in need.

Fall Quilting
Come enjoy a morning of quilting and fellowship on Tuesday, November 10th & 17th, at 9:00 a.m. Whether you're an experienced quilter or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us!

Backpack Program
ALC will provide 49 small jars of peanut butter each month in January and June 2027. Optional donations of individual mac and cheese cups are also welcome. Donations are being accepted now in the shopping cart by the front doors. Thank you for helping feed local children!

Christmas Eve Service Time Poll- If you have not replied to the email asking for your vote on time of services please fill out the insert and either put in the offering plate or on the table by the secertary office. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT ALC
Sunday, November 8th
9am Worship with Communion
Tuesday, November 10th
9am Quilters
Wednesday, November 11th
6pm Worship Wednesday
6pm Confirmation
Sunday, November 15th
9am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS
Attendance November 1st 35
OFFERING
Current $2075
Benevolence: $120
Improvement: $25
Good Gifts: $40

Current Balance as of Sept 31st
Checking: $1,299.52
Savings: $19,523.13
Improvement 36,621.62

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:
Pastor: Susan Friedrich
Music: Cala Andreassen
Usher: Jim & Cindy Gosse
Deacon: Maureen Even
Reader:Maureen Even
Fellowship: Chris Waring
Videographer: Mike Waring



Military Address: Christa Leach, 387 AEW (CSS), OPC 1201 Box 72
APO AE 09309 As of now, this will be through the end of Sept.
Military members: Christa Leach has been called to active duty with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin are still members of the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is stationed at Fort Knox and in the Army Reserves Cassidee is stationed in Iowa City and Cole is currently home. Cody Clayton is back from Fort Benning, Georgia Basic Training and will report to Dubuque. Karsten Nuehring is back from training and is drilling with the Aviation Unit in Waterloo.

Please contact the church office to add other names who serve.
We remember them in our prayers.

Stay Connected with ALC
As summer winds down and fall activities begin, we encourage you to stay connected with your church family at ALC. Your presence, prayers, and financial support help sustain our ministry throughout the year. When you are unable to attend in person, you can still join us through online worship and online giving.
Electronic giving is available through Simply Giving. Scan the QR code below or download the Give+ App to make a one-time or recurring gift.
Thank you for your faithful support of ALC's ministry!