

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, March 1, 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
(ELW p. #) = Page number (ELW #) = Hymn number

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE COURTNEY FRUSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

GATHERING SONG *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (ELW 335)

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 (ELW p. 138)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Genesis.

¹ The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation,

and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep; R**

⁵ the LORD watches over you;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil

and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Romans.

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reck-

oned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know

where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)

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

APOSTLE’S CREED—*In the back cover of your hymnal or on page 105*

PRAYER SONG O Lord, Hear My Prayer (ELW 751)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

PEACE

OFFERING

Noisy Offering—Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

ELW 186 CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD,

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

PREFACE (ELW p. 144)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 145)

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: COURTNEY FRUSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember our members in your prayers: 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.

On January 26, 2026, Our Savior's Lutheran Church experienced significant water damage after pipes burst during the extreme cold.

To help with cleanup and repairs, a **Noisy Offering will be taken** to support Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Time to place order for Easter Lilly

Lilies are \$15 each and may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please leave a message for Chris by March 4th so your order can be included. Thank you for helping us beautify our sanctuary for Easter morning!

The family of Bob Fratzke would like to thank the members of American Lutheran Church for their support during Bob's recent illness and his passing, also for the flowers and memorials given in his name. A special "Thank You" to Pastor Pat, Chris and Mike Waring. It was greatly appreciated. Eleanor, Ronda, Robin and Dean and family

75th Birthday Open House – Shirley Bergman

Join us following worship on March 8 in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Shirley's 75th birthday.

Please, no gifts. Cards may be sent to 1115 6th Street, Jesup, IA 50648.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, March 1st

9am Worship

3pm Confirmation

4pm Praise Worship

Wednesday, March 4th

6pm Worship Wednesday

Thursday, March 5th

9am Women's Bible study

Sunday, March 8th

9am Worship with Communion

3pm Confirmation

4pm Praise Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance February 22nd

10am 33 4pm 9

Offering: February 22nd

Current \$1430

Benevolence: \$220

Improvement: \$25

Youth \$50

LSI \$200

Our Saviour \$88

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: Pastor Mohr-Kelly

Music: Courtney Frush

Usher: Clark/Schares

Deacon: Maureen Even

Reader: Maureen Even

Fellowship: Joyce Becker

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