

# WELCOME



Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Four  
Sunday, March 2, 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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## Introduction to the day



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

## 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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Four

### Prelude by Children's Bell Choir

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* (ELW 315)

*The service continues with gathering song*

**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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

**Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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## PSALM: Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. R**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those  
who call upon your name, O LORD,**

**they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God  
who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One. **R**

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever

Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

*The gospel is announced.*  
The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**  
**CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)***

**CREED**

*Please stand if you are able*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and

skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries (ALC Praise & Worship service). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people (*especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church*). We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

## Noisy Offering– Jesup Ministerial

### OFFERING HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

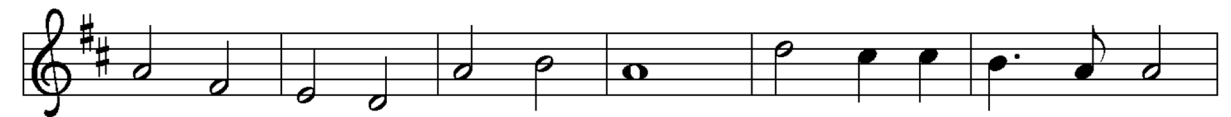
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will  
be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who tres-  
pass against us; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the king-  
dom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER 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**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for-  
ever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)***

### **DISMISSAL**

**Postlude by Shirley Bergman**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April The Noisy Offering and Lent offerings are** designated for the  
Jesup Ministerial. This organization is made up of the following  
churches in our community: American Lutheran Church, Zion, St.  
Athanasius, United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Jesup Bible Fel-  
lowship.

**ALC youth** and families collected 314 rolls of TP and delivered to  
House of Hope!!!!

### **Order Easter Lilly for Easter Sunday**

If you would like to place an order for an Easter Lilly in memory of a  
loved one, please contact Secretary Chris Waring at  
[secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) or place a note in the offer-  
ing. The cost is \$10 per plant. All orders must be received by *March  
23rd.*

**Thank you** to Anthony and Rylan Bahe for installing the new screen  
in the sanctuary!

**Quilters in Need of Bedsheets**-The Quilting Ladies are in need of gently used or new bedsheets to use as backings for their quilts. All sizes, flat or fitted, are accepted. However, please note that we cannot use sheets with patriotic designs, camouflage, or writing.

If you have any sheets to donate, please bring them to the church. Your generosity helps us continue this meaningful ministry, and we appreciate your support!

**Shirley Bergman**, along with fellow church musicians, will be honored for her years of dedication and service to church music at a special Concert and Awards Ceremony on March 8 at the Voxman Music Building on the University of Iowa Campus. Congratulations Shirley and thank you for your time and talents!

**There has been some inquiries why the Paschal Candle** is not lit every Sunday. This is the information I was provided:

It is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services from Easter through Pentecost (Book of Common Prayer, pp. 285-287). After the Easter season, the Paschal candle is typically placed near the font. It should burn at baptisms, representing the new life in Christ that we share in baptism.

The smaller candle near the lectern is called the Gospel Candle and is lit whenever the Gospel is read.

On Christmas Eve, we light our final candle - the Christ Candle. (At ALC this is the same candle we use as the Paschal Candle). This candle represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, whose birth we celebrate on Christmas. We acknowledge that all the hope, peace, joy, and love symbolized by the other Advent candles find their ful-

fillment in Jesus.

### **Lent Services**

March 5 Ash Wednesday 7pm Zion  
March 12 ALC 6pm meal 7pm Service  
March 19 Zion 6pm meal 7pm Service  
March 26 ALC 6pm Meal 7pm Service  
April 2 Zion 6pm Meal 7pm Service  
April 9 ALC 6pm Meal 7pm Service  
April 17 Maundy Thursday 5:30 Zion 7pm ALC  
April 18 ALC Good Friday Open Prayer & Reflection 12pm-3pm  
April 18 Ecumenical Good Friday Service 7pm United Methodist  
April 20 Easter Sunday times to be announced

**May 10th, EWALU is** having an open house! There are 2 fun new programs added this year for 8th grade grads and 9-12th, check it out! Camp is a great way to connect with God and other kids your age. PS You don't have to be a Lutheran to attend! There are pamphlets on table in lower narthex for more camper information. EWALU.org ALC does have funds set aside to help you attend.

**Please keep in your prayers:** *Emelia Dahl Jacobson - Send cards to Emelia at Hiawatha Care Center, Room 53, 405 North 15th Avenue, Hiawatha, IA 52233.*



## THIS WEEK AT ALC

### Sunday March 2nd

10am Worship with Communion  
WW youth Bell Choir

### Wed. March 5th Ash Wednesday

7pm Worship Zion

### Thur. March 6th

9am Women's Bible Study

### Sunday March 9th

10am Worship with Communion

## BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 2/28/2025 30

### Current Balance as of 1/31/2025

Checking: \$4562.38

Savings & CD: \$44,588.11

Improvement \$46,592.97

Offering: **2/28/2025**

Current: \$1165

Benevolence: \$310

Improvement: \$25

Alyssa Hoey Mission \$39.85

(Total donations to Alyssa \$598)

### 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 a student at Iowa State and currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves as 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: Teri and Kenny Schares

Deacon: Christy Phillips

Reader:

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