

# Welcome

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**ELW Holy Communion Setting 3**  
**Sunday, June 28, 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.



## **CONTACT US**

Church office: 319-827-6626

Church website: [www.americanlutheranjesup.org](http://www.americanlutheranjesup.org)

Pastor Susan Friedrich email: [friedrichsusan@gmail.com](mailto:friedrichsusan@gmail.com)

Secretary's email: [secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)

## **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.

**Welcome to worship, we're glad you're here! If you do not have a church home, please know that you are welcome to make this your church home.**

**God's blessings to you!**

**Prelude: Brooklyn Pint**

**Welcome & Worship Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Gathering Song: Let the Whole Creation Cry(ELW 876)**

**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 (ELW p. 139)**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen!"

May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **‘I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’” R**

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel. R**

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin’s final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin’s slavery to live obediently under God’s grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

A <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**<sup>1</sup>Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: *Day Will You Come and Follow Me*(ELW798)**

**Apostles' Creed(found in the back cover of the red Hymnal or page 105)**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Petitions end with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Last petition:

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Now we'll share that peace with one another.*

**Offering: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685) vs. 1 & 6**

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

### **Offering Prayer**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)**

**For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.**

**Lord's Prayer( ELW pg. 145)**

### **Blessing**

**The God of glory, ☩ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: *Children of the Heavenly Father* (ELW 781))**

**Dismissal: Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: Brooklyn Pint**

# Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you Maureen for leading worship today!**

### **Worship Schedule Change – Sunday, July 5**

**American Lutheran Church will join the Community Ecumenical Worship Service in the Park as part of the USA 250th Celebration.**

**There will be no worship service at ALC that morning.**

### **Community Ecumenical Worship Service**

Sunday, July 5 • 10:00 a.m.

East Land of Corn Park

(Young Street, east of 6th Street)

Volunteers Needed

- 4 dozen cookies for fellowship following the service
- Reader for Psalm 33:13–22 (Responsive Reading)

If you can help, please contact the church office.

We look forward to worshipping together with our community!

### **Parsonage Update**

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the parsonage. Your generosity has helped create a welcoming home for Pastor Susan.

At this time, the only remaining need is for bookcases. If you have a bookcase to donate, please contact a council member or Pastor Susan.

Thank you for your continued support and warm welcome as Pastor Susan begins her ministry with our congregation.

### **Home Communion Volunteers**

We are looking for individuals interested in distributing communion to church members who are unable to attend worship services in person. Pastor Susan has a list of members requesting monthly visits and will provide training for those interested. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Susan.

**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.

**Remember our members in your prayers:** Wendell, Shirley, Bill, Sharon, Jeanne, Debbie, Emelia, Lori, Joyce & Denny, Marie, Kaye

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

**Summer Food Program:** During the months of June, July, and August, the Jesup Ministerial Association will provide food assistance to 13 families twice each month. American Lutheran Church has committed to donating boxed oatmeal and canned fruit for this ministry. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart located by the front entrance.

### **Soles4Souls Update – Mike & Chris Waring**

Thank you for your incredible support! We have now collected just over 5,000 pairs of shoes toward our goal of 10,000 pairs by August 2026.

Every donated pair helps create economic opportunities for families around the world while keeping usable footwear out of our landfills. As you clean out closets or prepare for back-to-school shopping, please remember Soles4Souls. We accept shoes of all sizes and conditions.

We're halfway to our goal and the countdown is on. Help us spread the word and keep those shoes coming!



### **Get ready for an exciting week of faith, fun, and adventure at Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School!**

Join us **August 9–13 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** in the Jesup City Park as we explore God's amazing world through music, games, crafts, stories, and new friendships.

### **Advanced Care Planning- June 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm Jesup Library**

**Please stop at the back of the sanctuary to add your thumbprint to the artwork!**

## **Fellowship Volunteers needed!**

Scan QR code, use the link or leave message for  
Chris 319-827-6626

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050448A5A628AAF94-61890755-alcfellowship#/>



## **THIS WEEK AT ALC**

**Sunday, June 28th**

**9am Worship**

**Sunday, July 5th**

**10am Community Worship at Park Pavilion**

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

**Attendance June 21st 22**

## **OFFERING**

**Current \$1445**

**Benevolence: \$270**

**Improvement: \$25**

**Current Balance as of May 31, 2026**

**Checking: \$10,376.98**

**Savings: \$27,501.79**

**Improvement \$43,895.70**

## **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

**Leader: Maureen Even**

**Music: Brooklyn Pint**

**Usher: Mike & Chris Waring**

**Deacon: Sheila Collins**

**Reader: Sheila Collins**

**Fellowship: Donuts**

**Videographer: Mike Waring**

**Military members:** 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 currently at Fort Lee in Virginia for his AIT training.

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

**Summer is here!** With vacations, family gatherings, camps, and busy schedules, it's easy to fall out of routine. As you enjoy the blessings of the season, please remember your church family at ALC.

Your presence in worship, fellowship, prayers, and continued financial support help sustain the ministries and mission of our congregation throughout the summer months. Even while traveling, we invite you to stay connected through online worship and online giving.

For your convenience, ALC offers Electronic Giving through Simply Giving. You may set up one-time or recurring donations by scanning the QR code below or downloading the Give+ App. Thank you for keeping ALC a part of your summer plans as we rest, recharge, and grow together in faith.

