



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!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book at the usher stand. If you have any questions or need assistance, an usher will be happy to help.

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

Whether you are visiting or searching for a church home, know that you are always welcome here.



Introduction to the Service

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



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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Prelude: Brooklyn Pint

Welcome & Worship Announcements

Thanksgiving At The Font

Gathering Song: God, We Gather as Your People: For All the Children (ACS 1038)

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. 184)

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kids' Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

A reading from Ezekiel.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**
³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.
³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**
³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.
⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

A reading from Romans

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works

of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

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

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day God, When Human Bonds Are Broken (ELW 603)

Apostles' Creed (in the back cover of your hymnal or on pg 105)

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition will be, “Hear us, O God,” and you may respond,
“Your mercy is great.”

Closing petition:

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen

Peace

Offering: We Are An Offering(ELW 692)

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving at the Table (ACS p. 37)

The earth is full of your glory.

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Amen, and Amen.

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Lord’s Prayer(ELW pg134)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Communion Song Lamb of God (ELW p. 146)

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace forever. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Sending Announcements

Sending Song:*Earth and All Stars! (ELW 731)*

Dismissal

Postlude: Brooklyn Pint

Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, Shirley, Bill, Sharon, Jeanne, Emelia, Lori, Marie, Kaye, Christy, the family of Judy Benorden Adams, Joyce Becker as her sister Marjorie Miller passed away this weekend

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

Sharing God's Love—One Drop at a Time

You may have noticed the donation pail near the entrance to the sanctuary. Our Jesup Ministerial Association VBS funds are depleted, and we are also helping raise funds to provide a community well in Africa, continuing the mission our children supported during VBS. Every gift—large or small—can make a difference. Together, we can help provide clean water while showing God's love to others, one drop at a time.

Donations may be placed in the pail or in the collection plate.

LWR School Kit Collection: Thank you for your generous donations! We are still in need of blue or black ballpoint pens to complete our Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Please place donations on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

Worship Wednesday Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy working with children? American Lutheran Church is looking for volunteers to help with Worship Wednesday from September through April. Whether you can help every week or occasionally, your time and talents can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our young people. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact the church office.

Noisy Offering – Through September 15

Our Noisy Offering will support the final phase of the Cedar Lodge renovations at Camp Ewalu. Through September 15, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids will match every dollar donated (up to \$50,000), doubling the impact of your gift. Bring your coins, cash, or a special donation, and help Camp Ewalu complete this important project debt-free. Thank you for your generous support!

Go out and make it a great day!

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, September 6th

9am Worship with Communion

Wednesday, September 9th

6 pm Wednesday Worship

Sunday, September 13th

9 am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance Aug 30th 23

OFFERING

Current \$1359.90

Benevolence: \$335

Improvement: \$25

EWALU \$33

Lutheran Disaster \$50

Funds For Leaders \$100

Current Balance as of July 31, 2026

Checking: \$3,493.83

Savings: \$22,515.04

Improvement \$44,624.42

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Reverend Susan Friedrich

Music: Brooklyn Pint

Usher: Wayne Schnieder/Angie Loyd

Deacon: Mary Adams

Reader: Mary Adams

Fellowship: Maureen Even

Videographer: Keaton Lysne

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!



Fellowship Volunteers needed!

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