

# WELCOME



12th Sunday after Pentecost  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten  
Sunday, August 31, 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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## 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.

**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- Setting Ten

### Prelude

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

### GATHERING SONG *Jesus Loves Me!* (ELW 595)

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7a</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 112**

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed. R**
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. R**
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast  
forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine  
away; the desires of the wicked will perish. R**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to  
strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>  
Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them,  
those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>  
Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept unde-  
filed, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives  
free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he him-  
self has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confi-  
dence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to  
me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you;  
consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is  
the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continu-  
ally offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his  
name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sac-

rifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Phari-  
sees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a  
parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit  
down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has  
been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come  
and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would  
start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at  
the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend,  
move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the  
table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who  
humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or  
a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or  
rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

<sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the  
blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be  
repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)**

**CREED (ELW p.105)**

*Please stand if you are able*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS: God of Mercy, Hold us in love.

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

OFFERING  
OFFERING HYMN (ELW 186)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 206)  
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)  
LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p.208)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION  
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING  
The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**  
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)

DISMISSAL  
Postlude

**Service of Prayer and Healing**  
If you would like to participate, please come forward after worship to the altar rail. You may either stand or kneel. I will stand in front of you and ask what needs healing. You don't have to answer, but you may tell me what needs healing. It can be physical, emotional, or spiritual.  
Then I will lay my hands upon your head and say a prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to come. Anointing with oil is a symbol of God's claim on us as a beloved child of God. If you would like more conversation about this ministry, please come and talk with Pastor Pat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GROUNDING IN PRAYER** A Training Guide for Congregational Prayer.  
This is an introductory study of prayer, The themes to be covered include: The Groundwork of Prayer, Sharpening Your Personal Tools For Prayer, Praying for the Hardened Path, Praying for the Rocky Ground. Praying for the Thorny Ground, Blessing the Good Soil.

A small group experience for those interested in beginning or deepening their prayer life. We will meet for 1 and 1/2 hours each week for 6 weeks.

The day, time and place will be chosen by those who will be working the landscape of prayer.

Write "Prayer Group" and your name on a slip of paper or prayer request slip, (pink paper in hymnal holder) place it in the offering plate or let Pastor Pat, Chris or Kaye Jones know.

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits** – American Lutheran has been collecting items to fill backpacks for school kits that will be delivered to St. Paul's Lutheran, Sumner, at the Fall In-Gathering on October 8th. Our goal is to fill 25 backpacks. Items that are still needed are: 70-sheet spiral notebook paper, pencil sharpeners, 12-inch rulers, blunt scissors, black or blue ink pens (no gel) and 16 or 24 count boxes of crayons. We welcome donations of the above items and request that they be brought to the church by Sunday, September 21st. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

**Give Your Shoes a Second Life – Change a Life! Soles4Souls Shoe Drive**  
Mike and Chris Waring, members of ALC and the Independence Lions Club, invite YOU to join them in making a difference!

Beginning **September 1st**, the Independence Lions Club will be collecting new and gently used shoes for **Soles4Souls**, a global nonprofit that turns unwanted shoes into opportunities for people in need.

A collection box will be located in the **lower narthex**. Every pair of shoes helps change a life—thank you for your support!

**Thursdays with God – Begins Thursday September 4th**

Thursdays, 6:00–7:30 PM – Fireside Room or via Zoom

Paul sometimes gets a bad rap—but maybe we’ve been too quick to judge! Through fresh study, I’ve discovered a whole new depth to Paul’s theology and a greater appreciation for his journey. This series will take a closer look at the real Paul—his background, his transformation, and the way his words still shape our faith today.

We’ll explore:

- How was Paul raised?
  - Was he a Roman citizen, a Pharisee—or both?
  - What did Paul really think about women? (You might be surprised!)
- Come join the conversation—you might walk away seeing Paul in a whole new light.

**Women's Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 4th at 9 AM.** We will use the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine. If there is someone interested but does not receive the magazine, they can contact Mary Adams and she will try to get you a copy.  
**Quilters will resume on Tuesday, September 9th at 9 AM** - We will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9 AM. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome.

**Confirmation begins Sunday. September 7th following 4pm service**

**THIS WEEK AT ALC**

**Sunday August 31**

9am Worship with Communion  
Healing Service  
4pm Praise Worship with Communion

**Thursday, September 4th**

9am Women’s Bible Study  
6:30pm Thursday’s with God in person or by Zoom

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance 8/24/25  
9am 41  
4pm no service  
Offering: **8/24/2025**  
Current: \$1346  
Benevolence: \$70  
Improvement: \$25  
Youth: \$100  
**Current Balance as of 7/31/25**  
Checking: \$6,203.28  
Savings:32,867.15  
Improvement \$46,592.97

**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: Mary Adams, Pat Winblade  
Deacon: Maureen Even  
Reader: Maureen Even  
Fellowship Host: Pastor Pat

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