

WELCOME

8th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten
Sunday, August 3, 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



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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 by Shirley Berman
WELCOME & 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.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *In Christ There Is No East or West* (ELW 650)

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. 204)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to
seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhap-

py business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds
that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must
leave it to my successor, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish?
Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the
sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concern-
ing all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has
toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by an-
other who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mor-
tals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all
their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds
do not rest. This also is vanity.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
²**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
³My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on under-
standing.
⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp. R**
⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my
heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of
their great riches?**
⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another’s
life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay
it,**
⁹in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and
leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from genera-
tion to l generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that
perish. R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Colossians.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (ELW 655)

CREED (ELW p. 206)

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

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

PEACE

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

OFFERING (Hymn ELW 186)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG *I Love to Tell the Story* (ELW 661)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements need to be placed in the file on the church office door by Wednesday evening. Articles for THE LAMP are due in the office by noon on the second Wednesday of each month.

Starting in July, services at American Lutheran Church will be held on Sundays at 9:00 am and Praise Worship at 4:00 pm.

VBS– True North August 3-7
6:00-8:00pm

Land-o-Corn Pavilion, Young Street

Entering Pre-K to 4th Grade

Volunteers needed 6th grade on up!



See Christy Phillips for more information.(319-822-4267)**Help Feed Local Families This Summer**

The Jesup Ministerial Association is continuing its mission to support families in need through our **Summer Food Program** — and **we have just one distribution dates left: August 6.**

ALC is making a big impact, and we're so grateful for your help! To finish strong, we are still in need of:

- **12 more boxes of instant oatmeal**
- **13 more cans of fruit**

Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lower narthex. Every item helps us fill food boxes that make a real difference in our community.
Thank you for bringing hope to the table!

Special Celebrations!

August 10th Baptism of Jaidyn Wright

August 17th Sending Blessing for the college students at the 4pm service with Pizza served afterwards

August 24th Blessing of school backpacks, students and school staff

ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!

Keep ALC in Your Summer Plans – Even When You’re Away! *Summer can get busy with vacations, family events, and weekends away—but your faithful support of American Lutheran Church doesn’t have to take a break.*

Simply Giving is an easy, no-stress way to continue your tithes and offerings, even when you’re not in the pews. Whether you choose one-time or recurring donations, you can set up giving on a schedule that works for you. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or download the Vanco Mobile app to get started today.



THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday August 3rd

9 am Worship with **Communion**

4pm Praise Worship

VBS Aug 3-7th 6-8pm

Sunday Aug 10th

9am Worship with **Communion**

4pm Praise Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 07/13/2025

8:30am 24 4pm 8

Attendance July 6/29-25

9am 18 4pm 10

Current Balance June 30

Checking: \$2209.85

Improvement Fund: \$49,126.83

Savings: \$41,357.86

Offering: 7/13/2025

Current: \$1325

Benevolence: \$170

Improvement: \$525

ALC Youth \$100

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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 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: Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Mary Adams & Pat Winblade

Deacon: Mary Adams

Reader: Mary Adams

Fellowship Host: Missy Weber

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