





AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday of Easter
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, May 10, 2026

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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.

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.

PRELUDE: *This Little Light of Mine*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Today we gather as the people of God to proclaim the faith that has been planted in our hearts.

Congregation: We come with joy to affirm the promises of our baptism.

Pastor: God has called us by name and claimed us as beloved children.

Congregation: We rejoice in the gift of grace and the love of Christ.

Pastor: Through the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to live as disciples each day.

Congregation: We commit ourselves to follow Jesus in faith, hope, and love.

Pastor: Let us worship God with thankful hearts as we affirm our faith together.

Congregation: With gratitude and praise, we worship the Lord!

Opening Song: *Come to the Water*

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

A reading from Acts.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip. R
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
¹³ I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—
¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
**¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. R**
¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me. R

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through

water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day: ELW 732 *Borning Cry*

Presentation of Confirmands: Page 234 Red Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion Song: *Gratitude*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *We Are Called*

Dismissal by Confirmands

Postlude: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*



Join the Confirmation Students and thier families in the Fellwoship Hall in the basement for cake and refreshments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Congratulations to our Confrimands - Brinley, Keaton, Carsyn, Lauryn & Jaidyn
See booklet for thier Bible Verse and Faith Statements

LAMP articles and information due to the office by May13th

Please stop at the back of the sanctuary to add your thumb print to the art work !

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.

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Summer Food Program Help Needed!

This summer, ALC is supporting local families through the Summer Food Program by collecting Instant Oatmeal and Canned Fruit for distribution dates on:

- June 10 & 24
- July 8 & 22
- August 12

We need 20 of each item for every distribution date. Donations may be placed in the shopping cart by the entrance of the church.

ALC will also be helping with distribution on Tuesday, July 8 at the United Methodist Church from 4:00–5:30 PM.

If you are willing to help with distribution, please let Chris know.

Thank you for helping care for our community this summer!

THIS WEEK AT ALC

**Sunday, May 10th Mothers Day
9am Contemporary Worship
Confirmation Sunday
Monday, May 11th
6:30pm Council Meeting
Sunday, May 17th
9am Worship with Communion
Graduation Sunday**

BY THE NUMBERS

**Attendance May 3rd 36
Offering:
Current \$1957
Benevolence: \$345
Improvement: \$25
Memorial \$100**

**Current Balance as of 3/31/2026
Checking: \$13,482.15
Savings: \$24,006.32
Improvement \$38,899.44**

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

**Pastor: Pat Moore-Kelly
Music: Sara Borland
Usher:
Deacon: Cindy Gosse
Reader: Lauryrn Witt
Fellowship: Cake for the Confirmands
in the fellowship hall in the basement**

ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!

Simply Giving is a stress-free, no hassle way to set up automatic giving to ALC. You have the ability to set up one-time or regular giving at a frequency that works best for you. Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below or download the Give+ App to get started. Feel free to reach out to Mike Waring.

