American Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Our Mission:*Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church
to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.



All are welcome at American Lutheran

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, all are welcome at American Lutheran—with no exceptions. We delight in the energy, clamor, and activity of children. You are welcome to sit anywhere you are comfortable with them.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We offer gluten-free wafers at your request, and you may choose between red wine or grape juice. If you would prefer a blessing, just cross your arms over your heart when you come forward.

If you haven't signed the list or guest book in the back, you are invited to do so before you leave. If you have any furhter questions or need assistance, an usher will be happy to help you.

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.
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Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday

Prelude: Cassie Frush

Welcome & Worship Announcements

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us together with all your saints to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ is our salvation.

You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water **and awaken your church once more.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water, and clothe the baptized with Christ. Claim all your saints, those who have come before us, those among us today, and those who are yet to come.

You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water **and awaken your church once more.**

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water **and awaken your church once more.**

Gather this great cloud of witnesses to be one in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Song For All the Saints (ELW 422) vs. 1-3

Remembrance of All the Saints (see insert)

Greeting (ELW p. 138)
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.**

Prayer of the Day
Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kids' Time

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
The Lord announces judgment against prophets who can be bribed to give favorable oracles. Because rulers too can be bribed to practice injustice, Micah announces the coming destruction of Jerusalem. Later, Jeremiah escaped execution because of Micah's daring precedent (Jer. 26:18-19).

A reading from Revelation.
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They
cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" 11
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and
where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this
reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will
hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching
heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will

guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Paul uses paternal imagery to depict the guidance and encouragement he provided to the Thessalonians. They received from Paul the word of God, which energizes their faith.

A reading from 1 John.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
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Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142)

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus encourages his disciples to obey the words of Moses they hear from their teachers but to shun the hypocrisy and pretension of those who do not practice what they teach.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4] "Blessed
are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] "Blessed are the meek, for
they will inherit the earth. [6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled. [7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will
receive mercy. [8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9] "Blessed
are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. [10] "Blessed are
those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute
you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Take time for reflection following the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW 414)*

Nicene Creed p. 104 or in the back cover of the red hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition will be, "God, in your mercy" and you may respond,
"Hear our prayer."

Closing petition:

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Peace

Offering *(The Noisy offering for the month of November will be used to purchase items for ELCA Good Gifts- see bulletin board by the secretaies office)*

Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW 689) vs. one

Offering Prayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue (ELW p. 144)

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. 144)

Thanksgiving at the Table (p. 145)

.... Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout
blessing **blessing,**
glory **glory,**
wisdom **wisdom,**
thanksgiving **thanksgiving,**
honor, power, and migh**t honor, power, and might**
be to our God forever and ever. Amen. **Amen!**

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 134)

Communion Song Lamb of God (ELW p. 135)

TABLE BLESSING

Prayer after Communion.

Sending Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In (ACS 950)*

Dismissal
Go in peace. Serve the Lord**. Thanks be to God.**
And have fun doing it! **We will! Amen.**

Postlude: Cassie Frush

Join us for Fellowship follwiong worship in the basement;
Cindy Gosse providing treats

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, Shirley, Bill, Sharon, Jeanne, Emelia, Lori, Marie, Kaye, Christy, Kevin, & Eleanor
Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye Jones kayejns@gmail.com or the office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer concerns.

All Saints Day – Remembering the Saints
You will find the list of saints remembered by the congregation on the back of the music for "The Saints Will Be Marching In." Please feel free to take a copy home.

Our Noisy Offering throughout November will support ELCA Good Gifts!
This program provides gifts such as farm animals, seeds, tools, and access to clean water to help families meet daily needs and build lasting sources of food and income. Bring your coins and help us make a joyful noise as we share God's love with our neighbors around the world!

Thanksgiving Offering to Support the Food Pantry
This year, gifts received in our Thanksgiving envelopes will support the Independence Area Food Pantry, helping provide food for our neighbors in need.

Fall Quilting
Come enjoy a morning of quilting and fellowship on Tuesday, November 10th & 17th, at 9:00 a.m. Whether you're an experienced quilter or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us!

Backpack Program
ALC will provide 49 small jars of peanut butter each month in January and June 2027. Optional donations of individual mac and cheese cups are also welcome. Donations are being accepted now in the shopping cart by the front doors. Thank you for helping feed local children!

THIS WEEK AT ALC
Sunday, November 1st
All Saints Sunday
9am Worship with Communion
Wednesday, November 4th
5pm Worship Wednesday
6pm Confirmation
Sunday, November 8th
9am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS
Attendance October 25th 35
OFFERING
Current $2263
Benevolence: $120
Improvement: $25
EWALU $250
Food Pantry: $50
Lutheran Disaster $300
Memorial $20
Funds for Leaders $100
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Current Balance as of Sept 31st
Checking: $1,299.52
Savings: $19,523.13
Improvement 36,621.62

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:
Pastor: Susan Friedrich
Music: Cassie Frush
Usher: Jim & Cindy Gosse
Deacon: Mary Adams
Reader:Mary Adams
Fellowship: Cindy Gosse
Videographer: Mike Waring

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!