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.

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



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ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

Prelude: Cala Andeason

Welcome & Worship Announcements

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

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice. We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will.
Amen.

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of ✠ Jesus Christ, and frees you to love the world as you have been loved. Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more. When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (ELW 504)

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.

Kyrie (ELW p. 184)

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend

them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Special Music: Jessica Saunders, soloist
"Upon This Rock" by Jay Althouse

Kids' Time

First Reading: : Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
A reading from Leviticus.
1 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. 15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.
17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46
1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
3 though its waters rage and foam.
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10 **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
A reading from Romans.
19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142)
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment.

39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these
two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”
41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this
question: 42 “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to
him, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them, “How is it then that David by the
Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?
45 “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” 46 No one was able to
give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more
questions.
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

S**ermon**

Hymn of the Day: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* (ELW 729)

Nicene Creed (P. 104 in Red Hymnal or in the back cover of the hymnal)

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:
Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your* Word (ELW 517)

Offering Prayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving at the Table
We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper,
our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth,
for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields,
for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place,
for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame,
for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe,
and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools,
for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron,
for Jeremiah and the psalmists, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melanchthon, and Muhlenberg,
for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai, Kierkegaard and Bonheoffer,
for all servants of the Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free, who on the night before he died, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we remember your Word, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, his presence in this meal around the world, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom,
your law, your grace, your freedom.

Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; continue the reformation of your churches; and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace, with the joy of life in your household.

We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield, today, tomorrow, and forever**.**
Amen!

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 134)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution
When the pastor finishes the invitation to communion, we sing:

Commmunion 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

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.

Sending Song: *Soli Deo Gloria* (ELW 878)

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

Postlude: Cala Andreassen

Join us for Fellowship follwiong worship in the basement;
Serving Pat Waege

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
As we prepare to observe All Saints Day, we will remember with gratitude the members of American Lutheran Church who have died during the past year. We also invite you to remember other loved ones who have died and remain close to your heart. A Book of Remembrance is available at on the table by secretary office beginning this today. Please write the names of family members, friends, or others you would like to have remembered in prayer during our All Saints Day worship.
Together, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us and for the ways their lives continue to touch ours.

THIS WEEK AT ALC
Sunday, October 25th
Reformation Sunday
9am Worship with Communion
Wednesday, October 28th
6pm Worship Wednesday
6pm Confirmation
Sunday, November 8th
All Saints Sunday
9am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS
Attendance October 18th 24
OFFERING
Current $8868
Benevolence: $395
Improvement: $25

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: Cala Andreason
Usher: Tom & Sue Hoey
Deacon: Shiela Collins
Reader:Shiela Collins
Fellowship: Pat Waege
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!