

*“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like
the rush of a violent wind...*

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”

- Acts 2:2,4

*Celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit,
the birth of the Church,
and God’s power moving among us today.*





AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday

Contemporary Worship with Communion

Sunday, May 24, 2026

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Welcome

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: *How Great is Our God*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus came among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

Congregation: Christ comes to calm our fears and renew our hearts.

Leader: Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your power and peace.

Leader: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

Congregation: We rejoice in the presence of the risen Lord!

Opening Song: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. R**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works. R**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah! R**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The reading may be concluded:

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Gospel: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day: Come to the Font of Every Blessing

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Communion Song: *10,000 Reasons*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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: *What an Awesome God*

Dismissal

Postlude: *Praise*



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.

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

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!

Beginning June 1st, we welcome Pastor Susan Friedrich as our part-time interim pastor at American Lutheran Church. We are grateful for her willingness to serve and guide our congregation during this transition time.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Pastor Susan to the ALC family as we look forward to worshiping and serving together.

Iowa Elder Abuse Zoom Forum June 2nd 1-330pm

<http://kirkwood.zoom.us/j/98785229615> See the flyer on bulletin board by front door



Fellowship Hosts Needed

Fellowship Volunteers needed! Scan QR code, use the link or leave message for Chris 319-827-6626

<https://tinyurl.com/c7vh7erv>

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, May 24th

9am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, May 31st

9am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance May 17th 35

Offering:

Current \$1392

Benevolence: \$375

Improvement: \$25

Memorial \$30

Current Balance as of April 30/2026

Checking: \$10,761.01

Savings: \$27,494.08

Improvement \$43,977.40

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Caroline Engelbrecht

Music: Amber Reuter

Usher:

Deacon: Mary Adams

Reader: Mary Adams

Fellowship: Connie Hamilton

Summer is here! With vacations, family gatherings, ball games, camps, and busy schedules filling our calendars, it can be easy to fall out of our regular routines. As you enjoy all the blessings and activities of the season, we encourage you not to forget your church family at ALC.

Your presence in worship, fellowship, and continued financial support help sustain the ministries and mission of our congregation throughout the summer months. Even while traveling, we invite you to stay connected through prayer, worship whenever possible, and online giving.

For your convenience, ALC offers easy Electronic Giving through Simply Giving. You may set up one-time or recurring donations that fit your schedule. Simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone or download the Give+ App to get started.

Thank you for continuing to keep ALC a part of your summer plans as we rest, recharge, and grow together in faith.



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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