

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 3
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, January 25, 2026

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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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.

Please note: In order to conserve paper we are eliminating printing the whole service.

You can use the RED HYMNAL for the following
(ELW p. #) = Page number (ELW #) = Hymn number

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE COURTNEY FRUSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Surely the Lord is in this place—whether we noticed it or not.

All: This is holy ground.

Leader: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name—

All: God is present among us.

Leader: Right Here. Right Now. We are Holy.

All: Let us worship the Living God

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.**

GATHERING SONG *Thy Strong Word* (ELW 511)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 140) **THIS IS THE FEAST**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD. R

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message—**

“Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”
¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heav-
en has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is
called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were
fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of peo-
ple.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from
there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John,
in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.
²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and pro-
claiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every
sickness among the people.

The gospel concludes:
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons* (ELW 798)

The Nicene Creed in the back cover of hymnal or page 104

PRAYER SONG *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is under-
stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE (ELW p143)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED (ELW #182) Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish
your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that
all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)

SENDING

POSTLUDE COURTNEY FRUSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Any announcements need to be placed in the file on the church office door or
emailed to: secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org by Wednesday evening.*

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES: Busy bags are available. Please feel free to borrow them
each Sunday.

Remember our members in your prayers: Bob, Wendell, Gene, Shirley, Bill , Sha-
ron, Jeanne, Debbie and Marie

Check your church mailbox for your 2025 contribution statement. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box please contact Mike Waring.

BIBLE RECAP – Will resume next Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye Jones kayejns@gmail.com or the office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer concerns.

Corrected report from Annual Meeting:
Scholarship Committee report 2025

Committee Members: John Bergman, Sue Rigdon, Pat Winblade
Each year our congregation presents applications for the EPIC (Educational Partners in Covenant) Scholarship to college students who are active, confirmed members of American Lutheran Church and enrolled as a full-time student at one of the ELCA colleges; Grand View, Luther and Wartburg. The college matches our scholarship dollar for dollar up to \$750. American Lutheran Church allocated \$1200.00 for this scholarship in the 2025 budget. Applications were made available in January and were to be returned by March 1st.
Katelyn Zelle was the only applicant. She met the requirements and was awarded the EPIC Scholarship funds in the amount of \$750 for her 2025-2026 Freshman school term at Wartburg College.
Congratulations Katelyn!
Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Winblade

American Lutheran Church is once again participating in the Educational Partners in Covenant (EPIC) Scholarship Program for the 2026-2027 school year. Through this program ELCA colleges, which include Grand View, Luther, and Wartburg, match scholarship funds from churches, dollar for dollar, up to \$750. ALC has allocated funds for this scholarship in their annual budget, with an award cap per qualified applicant of \$750. Scholarship applications are available on the bulletin board by the secretary's office. They must be returned by March 1st, 2026 to the secretary's office to the attention of Pat Winblade, Scholarship Chairperson. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Winblade, 319-290-9281

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, January 25th

9am Worship

Wednesday, January 28th

6pm Worship Wednesday

Sunday, February 1st

9am Worship with Communion

3pm Confirmation

5pm Contemporary Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 1/4/26

10am 24 4pm 7

Offering: 1/18/2026

Current: \$1175

Benevolence: \$120

Improvement: \$25

Ewalu Campership \$100

Current Balance as of 12/31/2025

Checking: \$18,691.80

Savings: \$55,271.95

Improvement \$49,602.27

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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 stationed at Fort Knox and in the Army Reserves Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Leader: Maureen Even
Music: Courtney Frush
Usher: Bergman Family
Deacon: Cindy Gosse
Reader: Jaidyn Wright
Fellowship: Amber Reuter

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.

