

WELCOME



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 5
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, February 8, 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
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE COURTNEY FRUSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]*

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from *Isaiah*.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ "Why do we fast, but

you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in arched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

]The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.** R

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending

and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.** R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom.² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed.⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom

but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.] The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

NICENE CREED—*In the back cover of your hymnal or on page 104*

PRAYER SONG VS 1 Drawn to the Light (ELW 593)

People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night. Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE (ELW p143)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED (ELW #182) This is the Feast

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (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)

THE LORDS PRAYER (ELW P.145)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and**

nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 \pm give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *We Are Marching in the Light: Siyahamba* (ELW 866)

POSTLUDE COURTNEY FRUSH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 , Sharon, Jeanne, Debbie and Marie

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

BIBLE RECAP – following worship

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

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, February 8th

9am Worship with Communion
3pm Confirmation
4pm Praise Worship

Tuesday, February 10th

9am Quilters

Wednesday, February 11th

6pm Worship Wednesday
LAMP Article Due

Sunday, February 15th

9am Worship with Communion
3pm Confirmation
4pm Praise Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance January 25th

10am 21 4pm no service

Offering: January 25th

Current \$1465

Benevolence: \$170

Improvement: \$25

LDR \$50

Funds for Leaders \$100

Youth \$50

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:

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Courtney Frush

Usher: Randy Frush

Deacon: Shiela Collins

Reader: Shiela Collins

Fellowship: Sara Borland

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