

WELCOME

7th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten
Sunday, July 27, 2025

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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Introduction to the day



Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Welcome to worship, we're glad you're here! If you do not have a church home, please know that you are welcome to make this your church home.

God's blessings to you!

PRELUDE by Shirley Berman
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG GATHERING SONG *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
**Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are
to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon
us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience,
and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Genesis.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. R

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar. R**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love en-
dures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philoso-
phies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically
connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Colossians.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷
rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty
deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of
the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity
dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every
ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumci-
sion, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²
when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when
you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made
you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the
record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it
to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public exam-
ple of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone con-

demn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or
Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs
to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and
worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of
thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nour-
ished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that
is from God.]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign,
God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-
like trust and persistence in prayer.*

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his
disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So
he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him
at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend
of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers
from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my
children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you,
even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least
because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS: God, of mercy, **Hold us in love.**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING (Hymn ELW 186)
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me

not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
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. 207)
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

LORD’S PRAYER

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

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

SENDING SONG *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (ELW 536)*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements need to be placed in the file on the church office door by Wednesday evening. Articles for THE LAMP are due in the office by noon on the second Wednesday of each month.

Starting in July, services at American Lutheran Church will be held on Sundays at 9:00 am and Praise Worship at 4:00 pm.

VBS– True North August 3-7
6:00-8:00pm



Land-o-Corn Pavilion, Young Street
Entering Pre-K to 4th Grade

Volunteers needed 6th grade on up!

See Christy Phillips for more information.(319-822-4267)

Help Feed Local Families This Summer

The Jesup Ministerial Association is continuing its mission to support families in need through our **Summer Food Program** — and **we have just two distribution dates left: July 23 and August 6.**

ALC is making a big impact, and we're so grateful for your help! To finish strong, we are still in need of:

- **12 more boxes of instant oatmeal**

- **13 more cans of fruit**

Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lower narthex. Every item helps us fill food boxes that make a real difference in our community.
Thank you for bringing hope to the table!



ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!

Keep ALC in Your Summer Plans – Even When You're Away! Summer can get busy with vacations, family events, and weekends away—but your faithful support of American Lutheran Church doesn't have to take a break.

Simply Giving is an easy, no-stress way to continue your tithes and offerings, even when you're not in the pews. Whether you choose one-time or recurring donations, you can set up giving on a schedule that works for you. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or download the Vanco Mobile app to get started today.

Help Fill a School Kit – Be a Blessing to a Student in Need!

We are collecting items to assemble School Kits that will be distributed to children around the world through Lutheran World Relief. Each kit provides essential supplies that help students succeed in their education.

School supplies are on sale now—a perfect time to stock up and help make a difference!

Each School Kit should include:

- **Four** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper (approx. 8" x 10½") – *no loose-leaf paper*
- **One** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One** pencil sharpener
- **One** pair of blunt (safety) scissors with embedded steel blades
- **Five** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- **Five** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- **One** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One** 2½" eraser

You may donate individual items or complete kits. A collection bin is located in back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for helping give children the tools they need to learn and grow!

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday July 27th

9 am Worship with Communion

4pm Praise Worship

Sunday August 6th

9am Worship with Communion

4pm Praise Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 07/20/25

9am 30 4pm 5

Current Balance **June 30**

Checking: \$2209.85

Improvement Fund: \$49,126.83

Savings: \$41,357.86

Offering: **7/20/2025**

Current: \$1325

Benevolence: \$170

Improvement: \$525

ALC Youth \$100



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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 a student at Iowa State and currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves as Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Bill & Barb Schneider

Deacon: Maureen Even

Reader: Maureen Even

Fellowship Host: **Maureen Even**

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