



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!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book at the usher stand. If you have any questions or need assistance, an usher will be happy to help.

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

Whether you are visiting or searching for a church home, know that you are always welcome here.



Introduction to the Service

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



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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Prelude: Karen Weltzin

Welcome & Worship Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (pg. 211-212)

Gathering Song: *Around You, O Lord Jesus (ELW 468)*

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 VS 1&3 Let the Whole Creation Cry (ELW 876)

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful. R**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory
abides. R**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

A reading from Romans.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The reading may be concluded:

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)

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

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (ELW 802)

Apostles' Creed (in the back cover of your hymnal or on pg 105)

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition will be, "Merciful God," and you may respond, **"receive our prayer."**

Closing petition:

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Offering: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678) vs. 3

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Offering Prayer

Canticle of Thanksgiving: We Plow th Fields and Scatter (ELW 681) vs. 1 & 3

Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW pg. 220)

Lord's Prayer(ELW pg. 221)

Sending Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)

Dismissal

Postlude: Karen Weltzin

**Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room
Treats supplied by Pat Waege**

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, Shirley, Bill, Sharon, Jeanne, Emelia, Lori, Marie, Kaye, Christy, the family of Judy Benorden Adams, Joyce Becker as her sister Marjorie Miller passed away this weekend
Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye Jones kayejns@gmail.com or the office (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer concerns.

Thank you, Maureen, for leading us in worship today! Your time and service are greatly appreciated.

Sharing God's Love—One Drop at a Time

You may have noticed the donation pail near the entrance to the sanctuary. Our Jesup Ministerial Association VBS funds are depleted, and we are also helping raise funds to provide a community well in Africa, continuing the mission our children supported during VBS. Every gift—large or small—can make a difference. Together, we can help provide clean water while showing God's love to others, one drop at a time.

Donations may be placed in the pail or in the collection plate.

LWR School Kit Collection: Thank you for your generous donations! We are still in need of blue or black ballpoint pens to complete our Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Please place donations on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

Worship Wednesday Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy working with children? American Lutheran Church is looking for volunteers to help with Worship Wednesday from September through April. Whether you can help every week or occasionally, your time and talents can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our young people. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact the church office.

Noisy Offering – Through September 15

Our Noisy Offering will support the final phase of the Cedar Lodge renovations at Camp Ewalu. Through September 15, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids will match every dollar donated (up to \$50,000), doubling the impact of your gift. Bring your coins, cash, or a special donation, and help Camp Ewalu complete this important project debt-free. Thank you for your generous support!

Go out and make it a great day!

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, August 30th

9am Worship with Communion

Sunday, September 6th

9am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance Aug 23rd 28

OFFERING

Current \$1470

Benevolence: \$70

Improvement: \$25

EWALU \$82

Youth \$50

Current Balance as of July 31, 2026

Checking: \$3,493.83

Savings: \$22,515.04

Improvement \$44,624.42

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Assistant Minister: Maureen Even

Music: Karen Weltzin

Usher: Mary Adams/Shiela Collins

Deacon: Connie Hamilton

Reader: Connie Hamilton

Fellowship: Pat Waege

Videographer: Mike Waring

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!



Fellowship Volunteers needed!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050448A5A628AAF94-61890755-alc-fellowship#/>



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

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.