

WELCOME

Seventh Sunday of Easter
ELW Holy Communion Setting Four
Sunday, June 1, 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

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

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 Bergman
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855)*

GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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. 148)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ 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 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they

seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97

¹ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

³ Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵ The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

- ⁶ **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory. R**
- ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- ⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- ⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ **You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the
wicked.**
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.
- ¹² **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name. R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Revelation.

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655)

CREED (ELW p. 152)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182) *Sung*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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. 153)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 155)

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG *We Are Called* (ELW 720)

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 June this evening, we will have a new weekly worship time and format!

(Traditional worship on Sunday mornings is still available also.)

Every Sunday at 4pm join us for:

A casual, uplifting, and inspiring what to worship together

Contemporary music

Community-focused, welcoming atmosphere

A shortened format for busy lives! No dress code, no pressure-just come as you are. Bring your family. Bring a friend, and join this exciting new way to worship!

We are collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. You may drop them off at the church. List of items needed. We have a goal of 50 and unfortunately we have a slow start. As of today we need the following: 48 Dark Bath Towels, 20x40 or 52x27, 100 Full size bars of soap, unopened, 22 Adult size Toothbrush, ,and 37 Metal Nail Clippers.

Help Feed Local Families This Summer

The Jesup Ministerial Association is once again partnering to provide food boxes for families this summer. These families have been screened and will receive regular support this summer.

NEED ITEMS STARTING JUNE 11

ALC has a special opportunity to serve our community by collecting 36 cans of fruit and 36 boxes of instant oatmeal each month. These items will help fill good boxes for families in need.

You can place your donations in the shopping cart in the lower narthex-every contribution truly matters and brings hope to someone's table.

Join Us for a Special Outdoor Worship!

American Lutheran Church and Zion will come together for a joyful Jubilee joint service on

Sunday, June 8th at 8:30 a.m. at

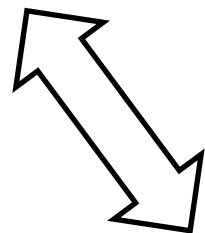
Zion Lutheran Church.



Come celebrate in the beauty of God's creation—**bring your lawn chairs or a blanket**, and worship with us under the open sky! Everyone is welcome—don't miss this uplifting morning of faith, and fellowship!



**** If you are a farmer and will be attending Zion would like to know so they can bless you along with farmers from Zion. Please let sect Chris know either by calling, emailing or leaving her a note no later than June 4th.**



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.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday June 1st

8:30am

Worship & Holy Communion

4pm Praise Worship

Sunday June 8th

Pentecost Sunday

8:30am Outdoor Worship at Jubilee

Fellowship to follow

4pm Praise Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 05/25/**25:17**

Current Balance **April 30th**

Checking: \$2277.71

Improvement Fund: \$47,922.75

Savings: \$42,334.51

Offering: **5/25/2025**

Current: \$1325

Benevolence: \$160

Improvement: \$25

LDR: \$ 50

Fund for Leaders: \$100

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: Randy & Teresa Merkle

Deacon: Mary Adams

Reader: Sheila Collins

Fellowship Host:

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