

# Welcome

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**ELW Holy Communion Setting 3**  
**Sunday, June 21, 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.

**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: Courtney Frush**

**Welcome & Worship Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Gathering Song: Children of the Heavenly Father(ELW 781)**

**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.**

**Kyrie (ELW p. 184) Congregation sings**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Kids Time**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

The reading may be announced:

**A reading from Jeremiah.**

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then

within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**<sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother’s children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**<sup>10</sup> I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach. R**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also, and became a by word among them.

**<sup>12</sup> Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord: “In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**<sup>14</sup> Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters. R**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face <sup>l</sup> from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**<sup>18</sup> Draw near to me <sup>l</sup> and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me. R**

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**<sup>1</sup>Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142)**

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

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition.*

*However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (ELW 451)***

**Apostles' Creed(found in the back cover of the red Hymnal or page 105)**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Petitions end with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Last petition:

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Now we'll share that peace with one another.*

**Offering: *Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 685) vs. 1 & 6***

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

**Offering Prayer**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

**Lord's Prayer( ELW pg. 145)**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion**

**Communion Song Lamb of God (ELW p. 146)**

**Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace forever. **Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Sending Announcements**

**Blessing**

The God of glory, ☩ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: *How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)***

**Dismissal:** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: Courtney Frush**

**Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room  
Treats supplied by Maureen Even**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Home Communion Volunteers**

We are looking for individuals interested in distributing communion to church members who are unable to attend worship services in person. Pastor Susan has a list of members requesting monthly visits and will provide training for those interested. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Susan.

## Happy Father's Day!

Today we give thanks for fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and all those who have shared their love, guidance, and faith with us. We also remember those fathers who are no longer with us and hold in prayer all who find this day difficult.

May God bless all men who nurture, teach, encourage, and care for others, reflecting Christ's love through their lives.

Wishing all a blessed Father's Day!

**Remember our members in your prayers:** Wendell, Shirley, Bill, Sharon, Jeanne, Debbie, Emelia, Lori, Joyce & Denny, Marie, Kaye

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Kaye Jones [kayejns@gmail.com](mailto:kayejns@gmail.com) or the office ([secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org](mailto:secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org)) with any prayer concerns.

**Summer Food Program:** During the months of June, July, and August, the Jesup Ministerial Association will provide food assistance to 13 families twice each month. American Lutheran Church has committed to donating boxed oatmeal and canned fruit for this ministry. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart located by the front entrance.

**Please stop at the back of the sanctuary to add your thumbprint to the artwork!**

### Parsonage Essentials for Pastor Susan

Pastor Susan has graciously accepted the position of part-time interim pastor. To provide her with a space to relax while in town, we have offered her the parsonage. We are looking for donations of a few essentials to make the space comfortable: a small dinette table and chairs, a reading lamp, bookcases, sets of bath and kitchen towels, dishes, utensils, pans, and basic cleaning supplies. If you are able to contribute, please contact a council member or Pastor Susan.

**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.

## Fellowship Volunteers needed!

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

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



## **THIS WEEK AT ALC**

**Sunday, June 21st**

**9am Worship with Communion**

**Sunday, June 28th**

**9am Worship with Communion**

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

**Attendance June 14th 31**

### **OFFERING**

**Current \$1527**

**Benevolence: \$220**

**Improvement: \$25**

**Rental: \$100**

**Youth: \$50**

## **Current Balance as of May 31, 2026**

**Checking: \$10,376.98**

**Savings: \$27,501.79**

**Improvement \$43,895.70**

## **ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:**

**Reverend Susan Friedrich**

**Music: Courtney Frush**

**Usher: Mike & Chris Waring**

**Deacon: Maureen Even**

**Reader: Maureen Even**

**Fellowship: Maureen Even**

**Videographer: Mike Waring**

**Military members:** 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 currently at Fort Lee in Virginia for his AIT training.

*Please contact the church office to add other names who serve.  
We remember them in our prayers.*

**Summer is here!** With vacations, family gatherings, camps, and busy schedules, it's easy to fall out of routine. As you enjoy the blessings of the season, please remember your church family at ALC.

Your presence in worship, fellowship, prayers, and continued financial support help sustain the ministries and mission of our congregation throughout the summer months. Even while traveling, we invite you to stay connected through online worship and online giving.

For your convenience, ALC offers Electronic Giving through Simply Giving. You may set up one-time or recurring donations by scanning the QR code below or downloading the Give+ App. Thank you for keeping ALC a part of your summer plans as we rest, recharge, and grow together in faith.

