

Welcome

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Palm Sunday
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, March 29, 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.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Cala Andreassen and Brooklyn Pint

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Acclamation

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Blessing of Palms

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Amen

Procession:

The assisting minister addresses the assembly.

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The assembly follows the ministers into the church.

“All glory, laud, and honor” (#344) as the people process into the church or once they have taken their places.

Prayer of the Day

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The reading may be announced: A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot. R

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love." R**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Philippians.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The reading may be concluded: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14–27:66

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: *There in God's Garden (ELW 342)*

Blessing of the Quilts

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37.

BLESSING Gather participants in close to lay hands on the quilts/kits. In larger settings, invite participants to extend their arms out in front of them as an act of blessing.

L: God, you have called us to go and do likewise as we reach out to our neighbors around the world. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. C: **Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

L: God, we give you thanks for those who have generously shared their resources in order to make these quilts possible. Move us by their example to live generous lives. C: **Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

L: Thank you, God, for the hands that have made and assembled these quilts. May each compassionate touch be known to those who receive them as an expression of your love. C: **Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

L: God, we lift before you the staff and partners of LWR who will distribute these quilts around the world. Give them strength and encouragement to do this important work and guide them as they reach our neighbors who are the farthest away. C: **Jesus, teach us to love our neighbors.**

L: Finally, God, we pray for our neighbors around the world who will receive these quilts – neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May these quilts wrap our neighbors in love and fill them with the hope and peace that is only found in you. C: Amen. SENDING L: Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus, go and do likewise, continuing to show mercy to neighbors near and far, in the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Rev. Lisa Kipp

Apostles' Creed Found in the back cover of the Red Hymnal or on page 105

Prayer Song: Remember Me (ELW 616)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Prayers of Intercession

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

Peace

Offering (ELW 186) Create in me a clean heart, O God

Noisy Offering - EWALU Building fund

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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. 144)

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW p. 145)

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, 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 ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song Beneath the Cross of Jesus (ELW 338)

Dismissal

Postlude: Cala Andreassen and Brooklyn Pint

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, Gene, Shirley, Bill , Sharon, Jeanne, Debbie, Emelia, Lori and Marie

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

SWING INTO SPRING VENDORS EVENT

LOCATION: 531 Prospect St, Jesup, DATE/TIME: Sunday, Mar 28, 2026 from 09:00-13:00

Get your pockets ready to make some noise! **Our March Noisy Offering** will support the EWALU Building Project. Bring your coins, spare change, and even those quiet dollar bills to help strengthen this important ministry.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd 2 and 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th 9am

Let's Pack the Pews!

As part of our process to call a new pastor, a group of us is putting together a video of everything our wonderful congregation has to offer. We'd like to film some moments during and after worship **on Sunday, April 12**, as we pray, sing, and share fellowship together. Some individuals may also be asked to be interviewed that day and will be contacted ahead of time.

So, let's pack the pews on April 12 to show a new potential pastor all the life and joy we have at ALC!

P.S. Filming may take place during other services or activities at the church and in the community in the coming months as well. Smile!

4 pm Worship Change, Starting April 5

After a 10-month trial and lots of prayerful consideration, we have decided to discontinue our 4 pm contemporary worship. This decision does not come easily because we realize several of us have really enjoyed the music, fellowship, and casual nature of this service. However, given the resources required and the low attendance, we feel it's the right thing to do for us right now. We will reconsider once we have a permanent pastor.

In the meantime, we plan to incorporate elements of this service into our 9 am worship - including contemporary music using the screens the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9 am, starting April 12. We hope to see those who enjoyed contemporary worship to lead others with your voices as we all learn this new style of music!

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29th

9am Worship with Communion

3pm Confirmation

4pm Praise Worship

Worship Wednesday, April 1st

6PM

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

2pm Worship with Communion

7pm Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday

9am Worship with Communion

No 4pm Service

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance March 22nd

9am 26 4pm 6

Offering: March 22nd

Current \$1960

Benevolence: \$285

Improvement: \$25

EWALU \$51

Lillies \$15

Food Pantry \$25

Jesup Ministerial \$25

Memorial \$1150

Youth \$50

Current Balance as of 2/28/2026

Checking: \$9,303.98

Savings: \$63,996.93

Improvement \$38,797.79

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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.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Leader: Pastor Mohr-Kelly

Music: Cala Andreson

Usher: Schares, Clarks

Deacon: Sheila Collins

Reader: Sheila Collins

Fellowship: Teri Schares

ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!



Simply Giving is a stress-free, no hassle way to set up automatic giving to ALC. You have the ability to set up one-time or regular giving at a frequency that works best for you. Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below or download the Give+ App to get started. Feel free to reach out to Mike Waring.