



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.

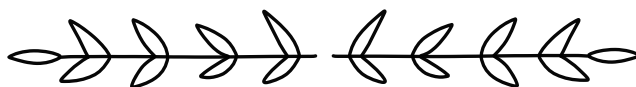
All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward with your hands folded.

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



Introduction to the Service

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.



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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10th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Prelude: Cala Andreson

Welcome & Worship Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathering Song: *Commonwealth Is God's Commandment (ACS 1036) INSERT*

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)

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Kid's time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142)

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

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (ELW 798)

Apostles' Creed(found in the back cover of the red Hymnal or page 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. 1*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW p. 145)

Lord's Prayer

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 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: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (ELW 547)

Dismissal

Postlude: Cala Andreson

**Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room
Treats supplied by Sara Borland**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

Join us for Vacation Bible School at Jesup City Park, August 9–13, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This year's exciting theme is Rainforest Falls!

Parents can register their children through the church website, or scan the QR Code below. We hope you'll invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for a fun week of faith, music, games, crafts, and learning!

Register here!



Calling All Cookie Bakers!

Can you help make VBS a little sweeter? We're looking for volunteers to donate 3 dozen cookies for Vacation Bible School. Homemade or store-bought cookies are both appreciated! If you can help, please sign up or contact the church office. Thank you for sharing a sweet treat with our VBS kids and volunteers!

Fellowship Hosts Needed: We are looking for volunteers to host fellowship following worship on August 9, 23, and 30. If you are willing to help, please contact Connie Hamilton at 319-327-3001, the church office at 319-827-6626, or email secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org.

LWR School Kit Collection: We are collecting 70-sheet spiral notebooks, 16 or 24 count crayons, blue or black ballpoint pens, blunt scissors, and 12-inch rulers for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Please place donations on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

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.

Summer Food Program: The Jesup Ministerial Association will hold its final food distribution of the summer on August 12 for 13 local families. American Lutheran Church has committed to providing boxed oatmeal and canned fruit for this ministry. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart located by the front entrance. Thank you for helping support families in our community.

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!

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.

God's Work. Our Hands. T-Shirt Orders

Order sheet on table in the back of the sanctuary

American Lutheran Church will once again participate in *God's Work. Our Hands.* Sunday on September 13, joining ELCA congregations across the country in serving our community.

To help us show our ALC spirit, we're placing a group order for God's Work. Our Hands. T-shirts. Shirts are \$15 each, and all orders must be submitted to the church office by

August 15.

Additional details about our service project will be announced soon, so stay tuned! We hope you'll join us as we put our faith into action through service.

Email: Secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org to place your order

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, August 2nd

9am Worship with Communion

Sunday, August 9th

9am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance July 26th-25

OFFERING

Current \$1320

Benevolence: \$595

Improvement: \$25

Current Balance as of June 30, 2026

Checking: \$12,030.06

Savings: \$27,509.25

Improvement \$44,522.53

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Reverend Susan Friedrich

Music: Cala Andreson

Usher: Collins/Adams

Deacon: Mike Waring

Reader: Sara Borland

Fellowship: Sara Borland

Videographer: Mike Waring

Stay Connected This Summer

Summer is a wonderful time for vacations, family, and relaxation, but we encourage you to stay connected with your church family at ALC. Your presence, prayers, and financial support help sustain our ministry throughout the summer. If you're away, you can still join us through online worship and online giving.

For your convenience, 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 keeping ALC in your summer plans!



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 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.