American Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Our Mission:*Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church
to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.



All are welcome at American Lutheran

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, all are welcome at American Lutheran—with no exceptions. We delight in the energy, clamor, and activity of children. You are welcome to sit anywhere you are comfortable with them.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We offer gluten-free wafers at your request, and you may choose between red wine or grape juice. If you would prefer a blessing, just cross your arms over your heart when you come forward.

If you haven't signed the list or guest book in the back, you are invited to do so before you leave. If you have any furhter questions or need assistance, an usher will be happy to help you.

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God



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13th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion
Sunday, August 30, 2026

Prelude: Cala Andreassen

Welcome & Worship Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism (see insert)

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.

Kyrie (ELW p. 184))

Prayer of the Day:
Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kid's time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

A reading from Isaiah.
[1] O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. [2] For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. [3] Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. [4] For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

[5] the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

[6] On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. [7] And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; [8] he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. [9] It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.Psalm: Psalm 23
[1] The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
[2] The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
[3] You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
[4] Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
[5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.
A reading from Philippians.
[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
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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 22:1-14
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. [11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (ELW 523)

Prayers of Intercession
At the end of each petition will be, “Merciful God,” and you may respond,
“receive our prayer.”

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

Prayers of Intercession
At the end of each petition will be, “Hear us, O God,” and you may respond**,**
“Your mercy is great.”

Closing petition:
Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Peace

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord (ELW 182)
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

Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW pg. 220)

Lord’s Prayer(ELW pg. 134) or in the back of the Red Hymnal

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Commmunion Song Lamb of God (ELW p. 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace

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

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn: ELW 502 The King of Love is My Shephard

Dismissal

Postlude: Cala Andreassen

Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room
Treats supplied by Sheila Collins

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, Shirley, Bill, Sharon, Jeanne, Emelia, Lori, Marie, Kaye, & Christy, Kevin, Wendy Frush and family in the loss of her mother Kay Pint

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

All Saints Day – Remembering the Saints
As we prepare to observe All Saints Day, we will remember with gratitude the members of American Lutheran Church who have died during the past year. We also invite you to remember other loved ones who have died and remain close to your heart. A Book of Remembrance is available at on the table by secretary office beginning this today. Please write the names of family members, friends, or others you would like to have remembered in prayer during our All Saints Day worship.
Together, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us and for the ways their lives continue to touch ours.

Fellowship Moves Downstairs October 1
Beginning October 1, fellowship after worship will be held in the basement fellowship hall. We've outgrown the upstairs room and want everyone to have space to gather and feel welcome.There will be a place for children to play, a corner for teens, and room for everyone to visit. The fellowship hall is handicap accessible. We hope you'll join us!

Fall Quilting
Come enjoy a morning of quilting and fellowship on Tuesday, October 20, at 9:00 a.m. Whether you're an experienced quilter or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us!

Thank you to all who helped prepare, deliver and serve the women and children at the House of Hope on Wednesday, Oct 6th. They were grateful and a joy to visit with them and the staff.

Communion Class—All Ages Welcome!
Join us for a Communion class from 9–11 a.m. on October 24th. Everyone is welcome, whether you currently receive Communion or are preparing to begin. Parents are encouraged to attend, too! Come learn more about this gift of God's grace.
Pre-registration is requested - leave message for the Secretary or Pastor Secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org

Independence Area Food Pantry Newsletter: When asked what they need most, they always respond that monetary donations are very welcome. They can buy food for pennies on the dollar form the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, rather than you paying retail. Other needs include hygiene items like shampoo and body wash, laundry soap, feminine supplies, toothpaste, and cleaning supplies.

Independence Area Women's Connection
Join us Wednesday, October 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Independence Senior Center, 400 5th Avenue NE. Enjoy Michael Maas from Fontana Nature Center and music and speaker Pam McDonald presenting "Someday My Prince Will Come." Cost is $15 for brunch and the event.
For reservations or cancellations, contact Sue Doan at (319) 361-9445 or doansr@hotmail.com by 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 7. Reservations not honored require payment.

Fall Craft & Vendor Show, Saturday October 17th , 9am-3pm at the Falcon Civic Center, 1305 5th Ave NE, Independence, Ia. Free Admission! Limited space available for vendor, call Angie 319-334-6711

THIS WEEK AT ALC
Sunday, October 11th
9am Worship with Communion
Monday, October 12th
6pm Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 14
6pm Worship Wednesday
Confirmation Class
Sunday, October 18th
9am Worship with Communion

BY THE NUMBERS
Attendance October 4th 39
OFFERING
Current $1527
Benevolence: $335
Improvement: $525
Memorial: $30

Current Balance as of Aug 31,
Checking: $1,760.42
Savings: $22,519.44
Improvement $44,851.32

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:
Pastor Susan Friedrich
Music: Cala Andressen
Usher: Tom & Sue Hoey
Deacon: Mary Adams
Reader:Mary Adams
Fellowship: Sheila Collins
Videographer: Mike Waring

A Harvest of Blessings

As fields yield their harvest and autumn colors surround us, may we give thanks for God's abundant blessings and share them with grateful hearts.



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!

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.