

<p><u>May 5</u></p> <p>8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship Contemporary Coffee 10:15am Journey Worship</p>		<p><u>May 9</u></p>	
<p><u>May 6</u></p> <p>9:30am Staff 3:00pm Esther Circle</p>		<p><u>May 10</u></p>	
<p><u>May 7</u></p> <p>7:45am Men's Fellowship 9:00am Mary Circle 11:00am Worship Planning 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Bells- Polishing</p>		<p><u>May 11</u></p> <p>Office Closed Rental- Demuth</p>	
<p><u>May 8</u></p> <p>9:00am Quilt Tying 11:30am WACMA 6-8pm Card Ministry-Making Cards</p>		<p><u>May 12</u></p> <p>Mother's Day Ascension Sunday</p> <p>8:00am First Word 9:00am Coffee & Kinship Contemporary Coffee 10:15am Journey Worship</p> <p><u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:00am-12pm</p> <p><u>Monday-Thursday</u> 12:30pm-2:30pm</p> <p><u>Friday</u> Pastors' Sabbath Day</p> <p><u>Office Hours</u></p>	

WELCOME

**American Lutheran Church, ELCA– May 5, 2024
6th Sunday after Easter**

Orders of Worship

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ABOUT US

We are God's church engaged in following the faith of Jesus as we walk with others. We seek to foster a community of belonging, encouraging generosity, and compassionate service. We are not perfect; yet we are God's beloved people called to love here and now.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We walk in the faith of Jesus as we walk with ours. Our core values are generosity, gentleness, gratitude, groundedness, and grace. We seek to foster participation in ministry. Our vision is to be Christ-like. We value intergenerational faith relationships and are committed to building and sustaining relationships of belonging, starting with Jesus.

VISITOR INFORMATION

New to this worship service? There are ushers and others to assist and guide you. Worship information is on the screens. There are busy bags and the Grace Space for younger children. The Holy Hub is for young people and youth—even adults. Open Communion is practiced at American Lutheran. Visitors are asked to fill out the white "Communion Form" in this bulletin and place it the offering plate. We want to connect with you!

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**Please complete the Communication Form
included in this bulletin.**

GATHERING

Prelude:
 Welcome
 Community News/Announcements:
 Thanksgiving for Baptism
 Gathering Song: *God, We Gather As Your People* **ACS 1038**
 Greeting
 Hymn of Praise ELW p. 121
 Prayer of the Day
 Anthem “*Rejoice the Lord is King*” Bell Choir

WORD

Acts of the Disciples Story: Acts 10: 44-48
 Psalm 98
 New Testament Story: 1 John 5: 1-6
 Gospel Song: ELW p. 124
 Gospel: John 15: 9-17
 Sermon

RESPONSE

Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* **ELW 708**
 Apostle’s Creed ELW p. 27
 The Prayers of the Church
 Offering
 Offering Prayer

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

Thank you for supporting Manna Food Pantry!

FINAL AMOUNT: During the Lenten season, ALC has donated a total of **\$ 5,609** to the Manna Food Pantry which will be matched 100% by the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation.

THANK YOU for your generosity! *From the Stewardship Committee*

Flamingos in Your Yard? Stop in the office or talk with Pr. Jeremy about this Youth Fundraiser!

Upcoming Events:

April—early June, Flamingo A Friend (Connect with Pr. Jeremy)
 May 8, Card Making 6-8pm Fellowship Hall
 May 19, New Member Sunday and Graduation Sunday | Potluck
 May 26, Memorial Day Prayer Service at ALC
 May 27, Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
 June 10-13, Community Kid's Camp
 June 14-23, Mission Trip
 June 20, Summer Salad Buffet
 July 28, Pr. Anne's last Sunday (July 31, Pr. Anne's last day in the office)

Calling for Donations for Personal Care Items for Love Inc. Our supplies need to be refilled. The items needed are Kids Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper, Women & Men's Deodorant , Shampoo & Conditioner.

Card Ministry-

Gather to create cards and connect with others. **May 8, 6:00-8:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Grocery Cards: Thanks to the participation in the Grocery Gift Card program, our *Building Debt has been reduced by almost \$8,000 since November 1, 2021. Your generosity is a gift to the entire congregation.* Please consider contributing to that debt reduction! Purchase your Hy-Vee and Fareway Gift Cards on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, before services, or on weekdays in the church office. You receive full-value cards with 5% of each purchase going to our building debt reduction ministry. Checks are preferred, made out to American Lutheran Building Fund, with “Gift Cards” on the memo line. Contact Harlan or Pam Handevitd at 507-376-5682.

Invitation to Prayer | Lift These Concerns to God

Health Concerns: (Short & long-term illness)

Ruth & John Rusche
Maci Their
Gerald Fuerstenberg
Cheryl Martinez

For those who are grieving

The Friends and family of
Alexa Wermuth

For Support:

(On-going life circumstances)

Mitchell Wagner- Grandson of Keith
and Kathy Harberts
Montana Scholten- Granddaughter
of Sherri & Kevin Adolph
Ruth Weiland- Granddaughter of
Dee Weiland
Patrick Weiland- Son of Dee
Weiland
Buddy and Sylvia Richter- Parents of
Laura Bourquin
Noah Tellez - Nephew of Laura
Hoffman
Myron Martin- Dad of Monica Horn
Joe Bowar - Pastor Anne's Brother

Congregational Life | This Week, Apr 28-May 4, 2024

New!!! Gather, Create, Connect Card Ministry: Recently, there was an event to make cards to send to ALC members experiencing illness and loss. The response to this gathering was strong. Cindy Anderson, Chris Brouwer, Sandy Demuth, and Marj Olson have formed a leadership team for **Gather, Create, Connect Card Ministry**. The mission statement is to gather people, to create cards to connect with others. You are invited to come to the inaugural card making event on Wednesday, May 8 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Welcome Center. We will be making Happy Birthday, Thank you, Sympathy, and Blank cards. These will be available at \$2.00/card starting May 12 in the Fellowship Hall. Cards can be purchased in the office during the week. The start-up funds for this ministry were given in loving memory of Connie Weinrank, who was instrumental in the Easter and Christmas Cards.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer:

ELW p. 134

Invitation to the Table

Music During Communion:

Lamb of God

Beautiful Savior

ELW p. 135

ELW 838

Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Dismissal

8 AM | First Word Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of the American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad and Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Sherri Isder, Kris & Rich Besel

Ushers: Paul Landberg, Diane Levine, Lori Ailts, Justin Graff

Greeters: Harlan & Pam Handevitd

Sunday Flowers:

Roxann & Alfred Polzine | *Celebrating Roxann's Birthday*

Open Dates for Flowers: *June 2 | July 14*

Hospitality & Communion Ministry

Fill: Shari Dale

Refill: Kieth & Marj Olson

Clean up: Sue Rose

Communion Servers: 8:00- Bob & Sandy Demuth, Rod Obermoller, Connie Voss **10:15-** Mark & Kay Prunty, Laura Hoffman, Jill Cuperus

Coffee Servers: Pam & Harlan Handevitd

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Gathering Song: *God, We Gather As Your People*

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Call to Worship
Hymn of Praise: *Joyful (The One Who Saves)*
Prayer of the Day

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Acts of the Disciples Story: Acts 10: 44-48
Psalm 98
New Testament Story: 1 John 5: 1-6
Gospel Song: *Shalom, Shalom*
Gospel: John 15: 9-17
Message

RESPONSE

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me*
Easter Statement of Faith
The Prayers of the Church
Offering
Offering Prayer

MEAL

Invitation to Communion
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table
Music During Communion: *Beautiful Savior*
Communion Blessing

ELW 838

SENDING

Sending Blessing:
Sending Song: *10,000 Reasons*
Dismissal
Postlude

Thank you for worshipping in this faith community. May God's blessing sustain in days ahead until we meet again.

10:15 AM | Journey Worship Leaders

Ministers: All people of American Lutheran Church

Pastors: Anne Hokenstad & Jeremy Hallquist

Musicians: Sherri Isder, Jocelyn Horn

Ushers: Lyle Oberloh, Gary Brandt

Greeter: Erlin & Jean Weness

This Week's Birthday Greetings

-If your birthday is missing or wrong, please let Kelly in the office know or write it on the slips inserted in the Bulletin. Thanks!

- 5) Brayden Raymo
- 6) Roxann Polzine, Vernietta Hansberger, Rich Smith, Ruth Rusche
- 7) Alec Langerud, Martha Naab
- 9) Jesse Leopold
- 10) Luke Ponto, Vicki Selberg