

Welcome

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

**ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, April 19, 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.



CONTACT US

Church office: 319-827-6626

Church website: www.americanlutheranjesup.org

Pastor's email: patmohrkelly@gmail.com

Secretary's email: secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p. 97)

Gathering Song: Gather Us In (ELW 532)

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.

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 139) This is the Feast

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

.³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

² **for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.” R**

¹² How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and

³the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (ELW 533)

Nicene Creed (ELW pg. 104 or in the back cover of the red hymnal)

Prayer Song: ELW 814 Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

*Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Prayers of Intercession:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

Offering Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 186)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (pg. 144)

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

Invitation to Communion: *We believe that Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites all people to his table, so we practice open communion. That means that all the baptized are welcome to receive communion, regardless of your denomination of membership. We offer communion instruction to 5th graders; younger visitors who have already communed are welcome to receive communion here as well.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song:

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing: The Feast Is Ready (ELW 531)

Dismissal

Postlude: Courney Frush

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, 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.

Fellowship Host needed for April 26 a



QR Code for Fellowship Sign up

<https://tinyurl.com/c7vh7erv>

Scan QR code, use the link

or leave message for

Chris 319-827-6626

Jesup Community Blood Drive - American Legion

Tuesday, April 21st 12pm-5pm Appointments are encouraged. To schedule, call Monica Bengston at 319-415-5275 or visit [red CrossBlood.org](http://redCrossBlood.org) and search Sponsor code: Jesup IA

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.

Please stop at the back of the sanctuary to add your thumb print to the art work !

Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, provided desserts, sent memorial money, and most of all kept the Waring Family in your prayers. Mike, Mark & Susan and families.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, April 19th

9am Worship with Communion
Confirmation to follow Fellowship

Tuesday, April 21st

9am Quilters

Wednesday, April 22nd

6pm Worship Wednesday

Sunday, April 26th

9am Worship with Communion
3pm Confirmation

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance April 12th

9am 33

Offering: April 12th

Current \$2657

Benevolence: \$70

Improvement: \$25

Flowers \$15

Memorial \$100

Youth: \$50

Current Balance as of 3/31/2026

Checking: \$13,482.15

Savings: \$24,006.32

Improvement \$38,899.44

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Mohr-Kelly

Music: Courtney Frush

Usher: Lysne Family

Deacon: Mary Adams

Reader: Keaton Lysne

Fellowship: Crystal Lysne

**Mike and Chris are still
collecting shoes for**

Soles4Souls and we are in great need to get to our 10,000- pair before August. If you or someone you know is having a Garage sale think of us before sending to Good Will. The shoes will make a difference in families and keep them out of the landfill. We take every style and condition.

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.

