

WELCOME

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten
Worship 10am April-July

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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Introduction to the day



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his

life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

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.

The children will be invited up front during the children's message – please feel free to join us!

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP- Setting Ten

PRELUDE Charlie Stanek

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)

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.

HOLY BAPTISM OF ELLIOT MAE AHMANN

PRESENTATION

(During the last verse of the hymn candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.)

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,

anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

SPONSORS PRESENT THE CANDIDATE

Molly and Mckinley: We present Elliot Mae Ahmann for baptism.

PARENTS AFFIRM GOD'S COVENANT

Brady and Maddison, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Elliot Mae baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Elliot Mae to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities for yourselves and your daughter: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Elliot may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Elliot Mae to grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

Molly and Mckinley, do you promise to nurture Elliot Mae in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Elliot Mae and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *The assembly stands.*

As the gathered people of God in Christ, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses all who are gathered.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved

over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM *The assembly may be seated.*

Elliot Mae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

PRAYER FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (LAYING ON OF HANDS)

Let us pray. We give you thanks O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughter, *Elliot Mae* new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life.

Sustain *Elliot* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Elliot Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISM CANDLE

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

PRESENTATION OF THE QUILT

This quilt is a gift from American Lutheran as a sign that the loving arms of God will comfort you throughout your life.

WELCOME

Let us welcome newly baptized *Elliot Mae Ahmann*

We welcome *Elliot* into the body of Christ and into the mission we share in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Presentation of Bible

The family of Layne Mckay Witt join Pastor Mixdorf by the alter

Jesus said, "If you stay true to my teachings, you are truly my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32) St. Paul also wrote to Timothy, "You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15).

God has blessed us with His Word to guide us and reveal His loving will. Through the gospel, we encounter Jesus, hear His message, and experience God's compassion.

Let's pray. **Lord, thank you for giving us Your Scriptures. Help us to study, understand, and treasure them so that we may find strength, comfort, and hope in Your promises through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Shane and Brea present the Bible to the Layne

May the Word of the Lord give you wisdom.
May it bring joy to your heart and light to your eyes.
May it instruct you in the fear of the Lord,
and guide you in his truth. (from Psalm 19)

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The 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.**

³You 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.**

⁵You 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.**

WORSHIP WEDNESDAY CHOIR

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

A reading from 1st John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him,

and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shep-

herd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Lord's My Shepherd* (ELW 778)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, as Layne begins her journey with her new Bible,

Grant her wisdom to understand Your teachings, Guide her in applying Your word to her life with love and compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, bless Elliot Mae with Your grace, Grant wisdom and unity to her loving family, Guide her sponsors to support her with faith and care. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Healing God, we pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially Stephanie, Wendel and those we name in our hearts*). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of Grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

NOISY OFFERING: Will be going towards the Sanitary Products for the C3 Ministry Fair

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

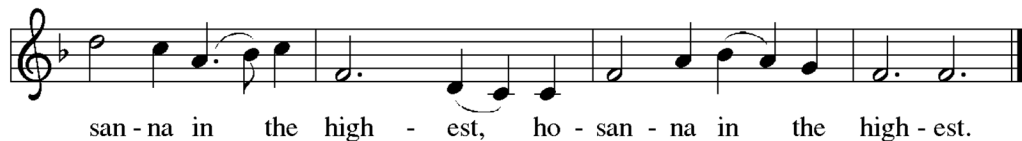
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of
the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into tempta-
tion, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen.**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the com-
munion.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand if you are able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace. **Amen.**

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

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* (ELW 544)

DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN

POSTLUDE by Shirley Berman



Any announcements need to be placed in the file on the church office door by Wednesday noon. Articles for THE LAMP are due in the office by noon on the 23rd of each month.

April-July 10:00am worship at ALC.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Katey Niichel, Crystal Lynse, Olivia Hemmer, and Christy Phillips. Their commitment and dedication to nurturing our children's understanding of Jesus has been truly commendable throughout the past year.

Today, we joyfully announce that **Elliot Mae Ahmann**, daughter of Brady and Maddison, is being baptized. Let's warmly welcome them into our church family. Molly Ahmann and McKinley Schubert are her sponsors, and we lift them in prayer as they guide and teach Elliot the Word of God.

Join us in celebrating today as **Layne McKay Witt** is presented with the Deep Blue Kids Bible. Accompanied by her parents, Shane and Brea Witt, and her sister Lauryn, let's rejoice in this special occasion.

Noisy Offering will be going towards the items for the C3 Ministry Fair

Thanks to Ray Zummak for heading up the landscaping cleanup crew at church Saturday, April 13. A big thank you to members that assisted in the cleanup: Wayne Schneider, Randy Frush, Teri Schares, Maureen Even, and Shirley Bergman.

Portals of Prayers and Christ in our Home booklets are by the

Fireside Room and also in the entrance of the church.

Thanks to all who sent prayers and good wishes during my recent surgery and recuperation, and also for the cards. I appreciate all of them. Denny

Jesup Community Blood Drive—Tuesday, April 23rd 1:30pm to 6pm located at the American Legion in Jesup. Appointments are encouraged to schedule, visit Red CrossBlood.org and search code Jesup IA or call Monica at 319-415-5275

As Pantry supporters you are invited to the Independence Area Food Pantry Open House, scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 5-8pm. We welcome all who wish to stop by for a peek at the new pantry home. 1413 1st St. West, Independence

American is participating in the

following service projects for the C3 Ministry Fair *

Birthday cake kits and packages of sanitary products to be distributed to food pantry ministries in our synod. The birthday cake kits contain items needed to celebrate a birthday or special day, including a cake mix, candles, canned frosting, a can of soda (to replace oil and eggs) and a birthday card in a foil cake pan. Additional items can also be added, such as paper plates, sprinkles and other cake decorations, streamers and party hats. Also include in the pan. Baking Instructions: Happy Birthday! To make a cake without eggs, oil and water, mix 1 can of soda with the mix. Bake according to direction on the box. Enjoy!

You are also encouraged to bring a variety of sanitary products (tampons, pads, panty liners, etc.) in their original packages.

<https://neiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Star-March-April-2024.pdf>



SCAN ME

"Scan the QR code to access 'Star,' our Synod's newsletter. Inside, you'll discover more details about the two announcements mentioned, as well as engaging articles."

New 'C3' Ministry Fair to offer more than 20 workshops
by Marcia Hahn

All congregation members from the Northeastern Iowa Synod are invited to attend the synod's first "Creative Collaborative Congregations (C3)" Ministry Fair Saturday, June 1, at Wartburg College, Waverly.

This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors and deacons from across the synod to gather in fellowship, learn together, share ideas and get inspired with skills to strengthen their congregational ministries. This year's Ministry Fair replaces the Synod Assembly, which will take place every other year and will meet again June 7, 2025.

The Ministry Fair will feature more than 20 workshops, along with round table discussions and displays to support congregations, staff members, council members, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and volunteers in their ministries and administrative activities. Parents and family members will find a number of workshops on faith in the home, keeping children safe, spiritual practices, and other family focused topics.

Everyone will be able to attend two workshops in the morning beginning at 9 a.m. and two in the afternoon, concluding at 3:45 p.m. Check-in for the fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. The day will also include a devotional worship service, lunch

Register online and find updates at www.neiasynod.org/ministry-fair.

The cost to attend the Ministry Fair is \$50 per person, which includes access to workshops, box lunch and welcome packet. Online registration is due by Friday, May 24.

Prayer Shawl: Please contact Sharon McAtee at 319-827-6154 if you are in need of a shawl.

Prayer Chain: Contact Kaye (tomjones@indytel.com) or Chris (secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org) with any prayer concerns.

Office Hours: M,W,F 9am-noon, There may be some exceptions to this schedule please call the Church office to see if Chris is available before making a trip.



THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday April 21st

10am Worship and Communion

Tuesday April 16th

10am Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, April 24th

Confirmation @ ALC 6

Sunday April 28h

10am Worship and Communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **4/14/2024 31**

FB Views: 59

Current **4/1/2024**

Checking: \$10,187.50

Savings: \$60,279.32

Offering: **04/14/2024**

Current: \$1125

Benevolence: \$510

Improvement: \$25

Youth: \$100

Noisy Offering: \$43.03

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

April 21st Pastor Dan Mixdorf

April 28th Pastor Liz Bell

May 5th Pastor Thoreson

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Military members: Military members:

Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a student at Iowa State and currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves along with Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

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

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Dan Mixdorf

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Mike & Chris Waring

Deacon: Maureen Even

Reader: Keaton Lysne

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 or Sara Borland for more info.