

# WELCOME

## AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

10:00am

## 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

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

## 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 by Shirley Bergman

### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands as you are able*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into free-  
dom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the  
Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

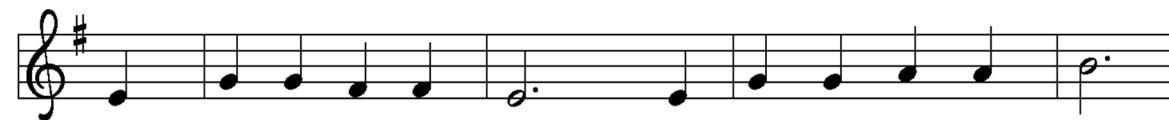
**GATHERING SONG** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)*

### **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**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is

a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
 so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations. R**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel  
before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" **R**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our

sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, word of life.

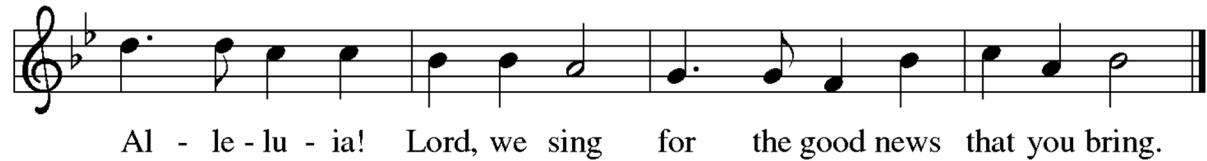
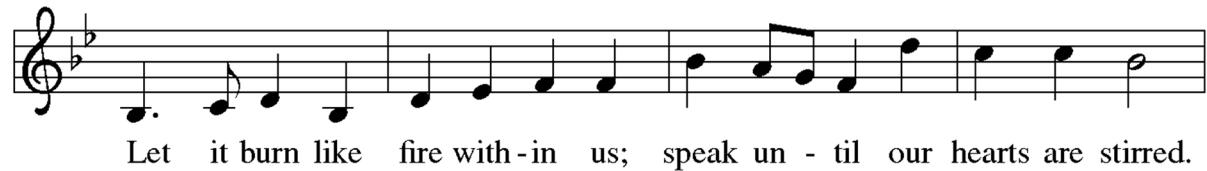
**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.



*The Assembly is seated*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY *Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)*

#### CREED (ELW p. 105)

*Please stand if you are able*

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

**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.  
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.**

### 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.*

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*Stephanie, Larry and those we name silently in our hearts*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the Call Committee seeking a pastor, may they be guided by Your wisdom in discerning Your will, and may unity and clarity bless their efforts. 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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**NOISY OFFERING: Will be going towards the Sanitary Products and “Take a Cake” for the C3 Ministry Fair**

**Offertory: Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 186)**

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.**

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.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

### THE 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### 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 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 *Let All Things Now Living* (ELW 881)**

### **DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

And have fun doing it.

**We will! Amen!**

### **Postlude by Shirley Bergman**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Portals of Prayers* and *Christ in our Home* booklets are by the Fire-side Room and also in the entrance of the church.

**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.

### **American Lutheran's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

On July 3, 1934, the first organizational meeting of American Lutheran, Jesup, was held in Colonial Hall with 39 baptized (28 confirmed) members. A number of these were from two rural Lutheran churches which had disbanded – St. Michael's (the Forks) north of town and St. Paul's Evangelical south of Jesup in Westburg Township. An Anniversary Committee has been formed to organize a celebration of the **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ALC**. The Committee members are Maureen Even, Sheila Collins, Chris Waring, Shirley Bergman and Mary Adams.

We invite you to place **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**, on your summer activity calendar. We will begin the day here at ALC with our worship service at 10 AM with a potluck dinner immediately following. Table service, meat and a special cake will be provided; with the side dishes being brought by attendees. The Committee is working to have special displays of pictures and other memorabilia available. If you have any items you would like to have included in these displays, please contact one of the Committee members. More information will be provided as details are finalized.

## Celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June

Farmers Day will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> which is early this year. The Anniversary Committee would like to have an entry in this year's parade. The Committee has a couple of ideas for a float. What is needed now are **Volunteers!** Also needed is a trailer or hay rack and someone to pull the float. Also, a location to work on the float the week prior to Farmer's Day. Please contact Chris Waring (319) 920-0857, Maureen Even (563) 880-8872, Sheila Collins (319) 231-5036 or Mary Adams (319) 269-3478 to volunteer your help or materials for the float. June is right around the corner, so don't delay!

**Looking for two amazing volunteers to join us for Worship Wednesday!** □ This is an incredible opportunity to work with our energetic and enthusiastic youth, ranging from ages 3 to 6th grade. We meet twice a month from September to April, spending a fantastic forty-five minutes (6:15-7pm) diving into inspiring Bible stories, engaging in fun crafts or games, and enjoying a delightful treat together. Come be a part of this uplifting and rewarding experience!

### **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!



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

**For more information scan the QR code**  
SCAN ME

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.

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE** 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 and lunch with

round-table conversations and a service project to support area food pantries. (See page 2. when you scan the code)

Bishop Kevin Jones and his tuba will be part of the live worship band planned for the C3 Ministry Fair worship service on June 1. **Everyone who plays an instrument is invited to join the band**, which will be directed by Pastor Dave Efflandt. Read more on page 6. -when you scan the code.

### Opportunity for Service in our community and beyond Summer Food Program

The Jesup Ministerial Association will be offering bag/boxes of food for families that have been prescreened and signed up for this program. The churches participation: United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St.A's, Jubilee, American Lutheran and Jesup Bible Fellowship.

This program will provide food for approximately 12 families in our school district, two times a month from June 5- Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Each church has an assigned day that they will be responsible for the packing and distribution. The families are responsible for arriving at St.A's on the delivery dates, the volunteers do not deliver items to the homes.

Our congregation has been asked to **supply boxes of Instant Oatmeal and canned vegetables**. You can drop off your donations in the shopping cart at the entrance of our church.

## THIS WEEK AT ALC

### Sunday April 28th

10am Worship and Communion

### Tuesday April 23rd

10am Prayer Shawl

### May 5th

10am Worship and Communion

### BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **4/21/2024 80**

FB Views: 66

Current **4/1/2024**

Checking: \$10,187.50

Savings: \$60,279.32

Offering: **04/21/2024**

Current: \$1747

Benevolence: \$330

Noisy Offering: \$62.49

### PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

May 5th Pastor Luther Thoreson

May 12th Pastor Dennis Hanson

May 19th Pastor Dan Mixdorf

May 26th Pastor Phil Borleske

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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 as 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: April 28th Pastor Liz Bell

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Wayne Schneider

Deacon: Shiela Collins

### **ELECTRONIC GIVING IT'S EASY!**



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