

WELCOME

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sixth 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 the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. .

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

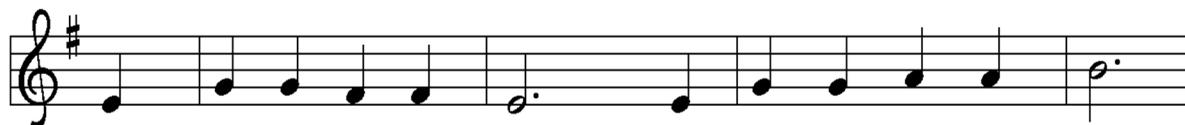
GATHERING SONG / Come with Joy (ELW 482)

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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ,

your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the**

earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 John

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

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 15:9-17

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Assembly is seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)*

CREED

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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. *(We pray especially for Stephanie and Larry)* God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

May our call committee find clarity and unity, Guide us in selecting a pastor with vision and empathy, Grant us wisdom as we navigate this important journey,

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

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

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.

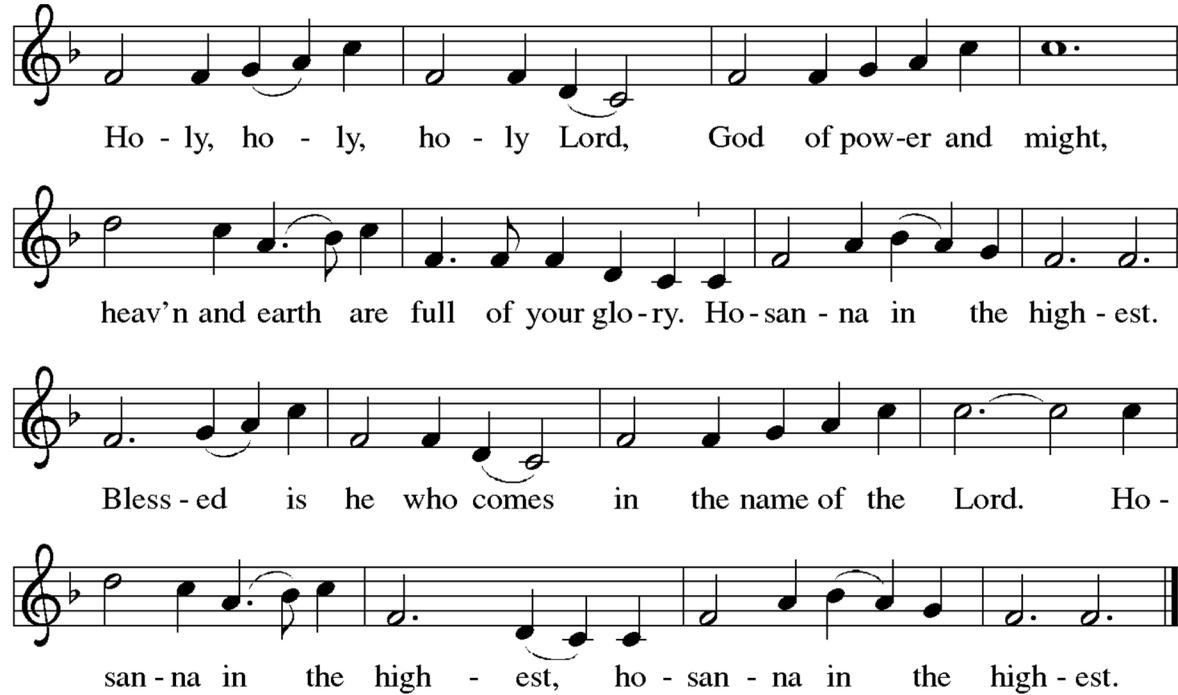
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW 389)*

DISMISSAL BY CHILDREN

Postlude by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 7th. 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.

The Youth Group will be collecting Cooling Towels for their upcoming trip to New Orleans in July. These Cooling towels will be put into a "Disaster Relief Kit" with other items that are being collected by other regions in the US. If you would be interested in helping with this task, please look at this Amazon wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T7600FHIN?ref=wl_share. Please select the Cooling Towels—add them to your cart and proceed to the check-out. Please select the Christ the King—ELCA Youth Gathering Gift Registry address. The towels will be shipped directly to New Orleans!

Celebrating our 90th Anniversary in June

Farmers Day will be held on June 22nd 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!

American Lutheran's 90th 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 **90th 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 28th**, 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.

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

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

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 Eflandt. Read more on page 6. -when you scan the code.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

May 5th

10am Worship and Communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **4/21/2024 15**

FB Views: 60

Current **4/1/2024**

Checking: \$10,187.50

Savings: \$60,279.32

Offering: **04/28/2024**

Current: \$745

Benevolence: \$295

Improvement;\$60

Improvement Windows: \$200

Lutheran Disaster Relief: \$200

Telephone Cap Credit: \$932.01

Noisy Offering: \$34.58

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

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.

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ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Luther Thoreson

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Neuhring Family

Deacon: Maureen Even

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