

Welcome

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, April 26, 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.



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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 Brooklyn Pint

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Gathering Song: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat (ELW 484)

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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The reading may be announced:

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

A reading from Acts.

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in

common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time t
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹ The 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.**

³ You 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. R**

⁵ You 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. R**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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: John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:]¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day: For the Bread Which You Have Broken (ELW 494)

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

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 or membership. We offer communion instruction to 5th graders; younger visitors who have already communed are welcome to receive communion

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, \mp Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)

Dismissal

Postlude: Brooklyn Pint

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Pastor Caroline Engelbrecht

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.

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

There are 4 Easter lilies at the back of the church, please feel free to take and plant in your garden! I will be disposing of this week if they are still here on the 30th of April.

Peanut Butter Drive for Jesup Schools!

ALC is collecting peanut butter all through the month of April to support students at Jesup Schools—and we need your help! Our **goal is 35 jars**, and every donation makes a difference for local kids. Next time you're at the store, toss an extra jar in your cart and help us spread a little love (and peanut butter. Let's fill the shelf and meet our goal—together we can do this!

Soles4Souls Update:

Thanks to your generosity, we've collected over 3,500 pairs of shoes toward our goal of 10,000 by August 2026!

Cleaning out closets or wrapping up garage sales? Leftover shoes are always welcome—every pair helps others and keeps shoes out of landfills.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Fellowship Volunteers
needed!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050448A5A628AAF94-61890755-alc-fellowship#/>



Scan QR code, use the link
or leave message for
Chris 319-827-6626

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, April 26th

9am Worship with Communion

Wednesday, April 29th

6pm Worship Wednesday

Sunday, May 3rd

9am Worship with Communion

3pm Confirmation

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance April 19th

9am 34

Offering: April 19th

Current \$1413

Benevolence: \$305

Improvement: \$25

Memorial \$30

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: Caroline Engelbrecht

Music: Brooklyn Pint

Usher: Lysne Family

Deacon: Sheila Collins

Reader: Sheila Collins

Fellowship: Sara Borland



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.



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.