

WELCOME

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

MARCH 8:30AM

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

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

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.

Please fill out the tan communication card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. The ushers will gladly answer any questions you may have.

God's blessings to you!

PRELUDE by Shirley Bergman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands

PROCLAMATION OF THE EASTER GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-5

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

OPENING LITANY:

Leader: Early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, looking for the body of Jesus.

People: But Jesus was not there.

Leader: They were bringing spices, to anoint the body for burial, as was their custom.

People: But the body was not there.

Leader: They came looking for the dead. But what they found were two angels.

People: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Leader: The women were perplexed and terrified.

People: They bowed their faces to the ground.

Leader: The angels proclaimed the good news.

People: Jesus is not here. He has risen!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW #365)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* ELW 373 vs1-4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power;

how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
“God's mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether

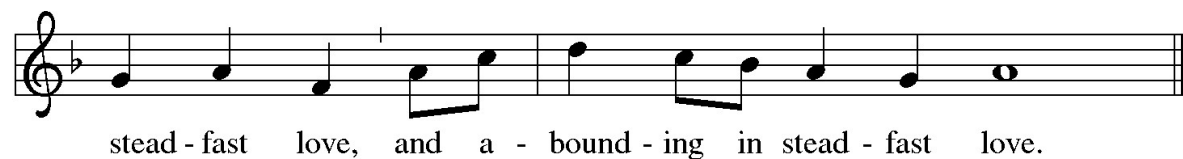
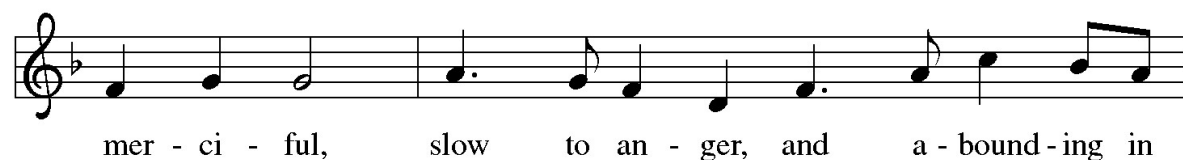
then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go

and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 367) *Now All the Vault of Heaven
Resounds***

CREED (ELW p. 104)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit

and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed

communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith (Dennis Becker, Stephanie Winkelpleck, Christy Phillips *and those we name in our hearts*) and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Guide us, O Lord, in our search for a shepherd, grant us wisdom and discernment as we seek your chosen servant to lead and nurture our congregation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

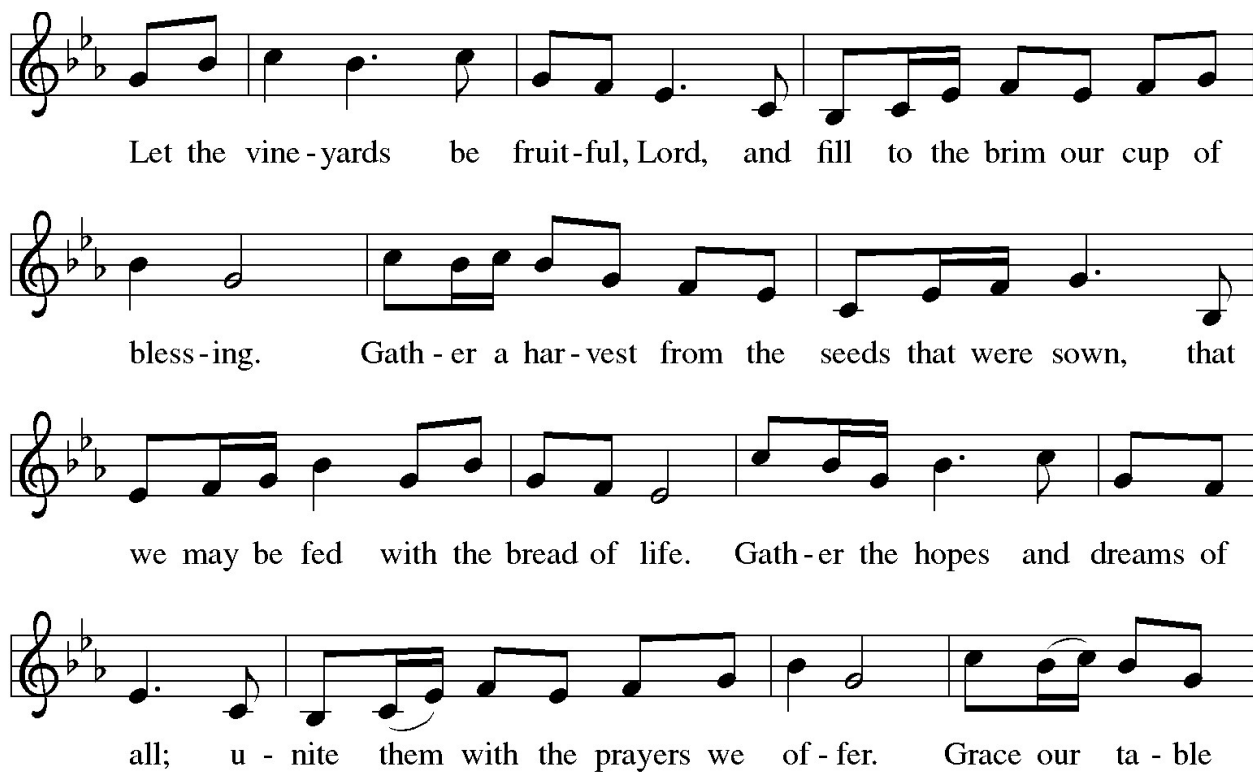
Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

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.**

Noisy Offering will be going towards the shipping costs for the Quilts and Personal Care Kits to LWR

OFFERING



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble

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.

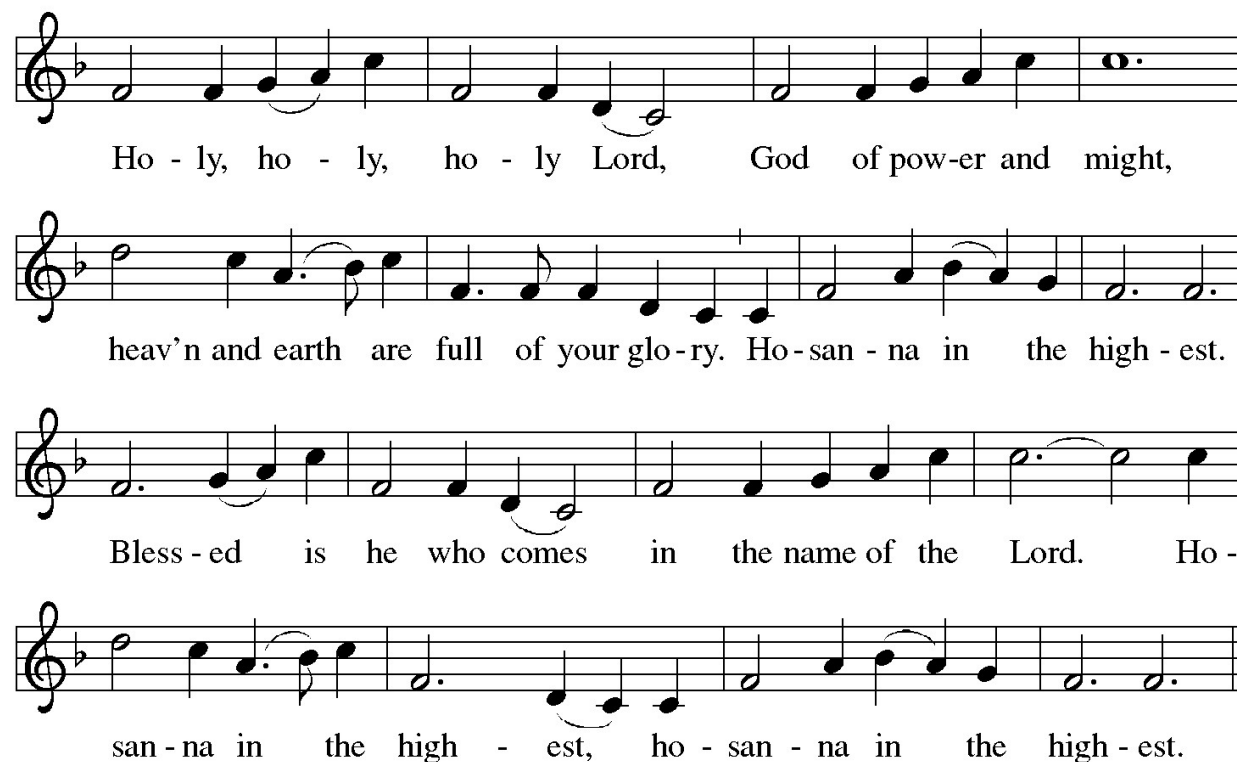
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...join their unending praise:



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.

THE 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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

The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (ELW #382)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements need to be placed in the file on the church office door by Wednesday evening. 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 switch to early service.

Noisy Offering will be going towards the shipping costs for the Quilts and Personal Care Kits to LWR

Join us in celebrating **ALC's 90th Anniversary** on July 28th! We're looking for dedicated individuals to join the committee. If interested, please contact Maureen Even at 563-880-8872 or Chris Waring at Secretary@americanlutheranchurch.org.

Youth Gathering Update!

Our Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser raised nearly \$500! Thank you for your support! We've exceeded our goal and have enough funds for 9 participants (6 kids, 3 adults) for our Youth Gathering mission. Join us for our upcoming spring yard cleanup fundraiser - contact Sara Borland or Beth Stanek for details.

Lutheran World Relief Spring In-Gathering – Women of ALC are invited to attend the Spring In-Gathering to be held at Zion Lutheran Church (Jubilee), 12007 Jubilee Road, La Porte City on Saturday, April 13th. Beverages and treats will be provided starting at 8 AM. A program entitled "Piece by Piece" will begin at 9:30 AM. The loading of the quilts and kits will begin at 8 AM and conclude at 11 AM. Please consider attending and enjoy the fellowship with other women in our Synod. The Fall In-Gathering will also be held at Zion Lutheran on October 12th. This is the closest location to ALC that the In-Gatherings have been held – a rare opportunity to attend without traveling very far.

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

The quilting ladies will be **assembling the Personal care kits on Tuesday, April 2nd at 9am.** Please feel free to stop in and give them a hand. The Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits will be blessed Sunday, April 7th during worship service. The kits and quilts need to be delivered to be at Jubilee the following Saturday, April 13th. We need a volunteer(s) to deliver the boxes to Jubilee that morning. There will be approximately 9 large boxes and 3 or 4 medium size boxes.

Easter Lilies

The Easter Lilies on the Altar are in honor of the following:
All of our Service Men and Women
Our Families

Bob & Berniece Albers
Bill Adams
Harold & Viola Adams
Ramona & Scylvan Bahls
Dixie Heimback
Jeff Lansing
Harry McAtee
Cathie Gordon
Pam Gordon
Erwin & Verla Haverkamp
Paul & Viola Iserman

Butch & Vera Leach
Jeff Leach
Gerry Leach
Don & Jo Gosse
Vivian & Richard Phillips
Loyd & Frances Putnam
Ben & Esther Reil
Ron Reil
Sherilyn Waring

Please take your Easter Lily home to enjoy!

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday March 31st

9:00am Easter Sunday Worship and Communion

Tuesday April 1st:

9am Assembly of LWR Kits

Thursday April 4th

9:30am Women's Bible Study

Sunday April 7th

10am Worship & Holy Communion
Blessing of the LWR Quilts and Kits

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **3/24/23: 25**

FB Views: 99

Current **3/17/2024**

Checking: \$6719.27

Improvement Fund: \$37541.89

Memorial: \$6390.41

Offering: **3/24/24**

Current: \$1270.

Benevolence: \$295

Improvement: \$70

EWALU Campership \$200

Youth Ministry: \$100

Jubilee \$491.15

PASTORS COMING TO ALC:

April 7th Pastor Luther Thoreson

April 14th Pastor Phil Borleske

April 21st Pastor Dan Mixdorf

April 28th Pastor Liz Bell

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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.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor Phil Borleske

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Schares/Clarks

Deacon: Maureen Even

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.

