

WELCOME

Fourth Sunday of Easter
ELW Holy Communion Setting Four
Sunday, May 11, 2025

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 gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 by Shirley Bergman WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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 freedom.

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 *For All the Faithful Women* (ELW 419) vs 1,2,6,9

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. 148)

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

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 com-
fort 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rory Thompson

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is
also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Revelation.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one
could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and lan-
guages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in
white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud
voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and
to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders

and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these,
robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him,
“Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed
their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For
this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day
and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the
throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no
more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the
Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will
guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he
and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his
voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

HHYMN OF THE DAY *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (ELW 389)

CREED (ELW p. 152)

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

A brief silence.

Response to petitions: God, of mercy, **Hold us in love.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING HYMN **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)** *Sung*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153) *Sung*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)*

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 second Wednesday of each month.

Thank You, Rory Thompson!

A heartfelt thank you to Rory Thompson for sharing his musical talents with us through special music. Your gift brought beauty and inspiration to our worship—thank you for blessing us with your time, talent, and heart!

Parish Ed Needs Your Help!

We're looking for someone to assist with **Worship Wednesday** this fall. If you enjoy working with kids and want to make a difference in their faith journey, we'd love to have you on the team! Please contact the church office or Christy Phillips if you're interested.

We are collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. You may drop them off at the church. List of items needed. We have a goal of 50 and unfortunately we have a slow start. As of today we need the following: 48 Dark Bath Towels, 20x40 or 52x27, 100 Full size bars of soap, unopened, 22 Adult size Toothbrush, ,and 37 Metal Nail Clippers.

Calling all 2025 Graduates! Attention 2025 Graduates! □

You're invited to join us for worship on **Sunday, May 18th** as we celebrate your accomplishments and recognize this exciting milestone in your life.

Please **wear your cap and gown** and be part of this special time of blessing as your church family surrounds you with love, support, and prayers for the journey ahead.

After the service, stick around for **fellowship and cake in your honor** — we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Bible Study has been cancelled for the month of May and will not be resuming at this time. Thank you to all who participated!

Happy Mother’s Day!

Today we give thanks for all the moms, grandmas, mother figures, and those who share a mother’s love in so many ways. Your care, strength, and faith make a difference every day. May you feel especially appreciated and loved this morning and always!



THIS WEEK AT ALC

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8:30am
Worship & Holy Communion

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BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 05/04/**25: 60**
Current Balance **3/30/2025**
Checking: \$3309.52
Improvement Fund: \$47670.08
Savings: 44611.90

Offering: **5/4/2025**
Current: \$1687
Benevolence: \$115
Improvement: \$525
Telephone Capitol Credit: \$596.22

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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: Pat Mohr-Kelly
Music: Shirley Bergman
Special Music: Rory Thompson
Usher: Denny & Joyce Becker
Deacon: Mike Waring
Reader: Amanda Phillips
Fellowship Host:

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