

Welcome

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
Sunday, April 5, 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.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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

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)

Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p. 97)

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: Be Not Afraid (ELW 388)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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, is a summary of 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.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how 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. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not 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. ⁴² He 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. ⁴³ All 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: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Colossians.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

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: Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day: Thine Is the Glory (ELW 376)

Creed

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.

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:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

Offering: ELW 182

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 (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)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 of membership. We offer communion instruction to 5th graders; younger visitors who have already communed are welcome to receive communion here as well.*

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, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember our members in your prayers: Wendell, Gene, 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.

Let's Pack the Pews! As part of our process to call a new pastor, a group of us is putting together a video of everything our wonderful congregation has to offer. We'd like to film some moments during and after worship on **Sunday, April 12**, as we pray, sing, and share fellowship together. Some individuals may also be asked to be interviewed that day and will be contacted ahead of time.

So, let's pack the pews on April 12 to show a new potential pastor all the life and joy we have at ALC! P.S. Filming may take place during other services or activities at the church and in the community in the coming months as well. Smile!

4 pm Worship Change, Starting April 5

After a 10-month trial and lots of prayerful consideration, we have decided to discontinue our 4 pm contemporary worship. This decision does not come easily because we realize several of us have really enjoyed the music, fellowship, and casual nature of this service. However, given the resources required and the low attendance, we feel it's the right thing to do for us right now. We will reconsider once we have a permanent pastor.

In the meantime, we plan to incorporate elements of this service into our 9 am worship - including contemporary music using the screens the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9 am, starting April 12. We hope to see those who enjoyed contemporary worship to lead others with your voices as we all learn this new style of music!

Fellowship Host needed for April 26 and the Month of May

<https://tinyurl.com/c7vh7erv>

Scan QR code, use the link

or leave message for

Chris 319-827-6626



QR Code for Fellowship Sign up

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.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday

9am Worship with Communion

No Confirmation

Wednesday, April 8th

Worship Wednesday

LAMP Articles Due

Sunday, April 12th

9am Contemporary Worship with

Communion

3pm Confirmation

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance March 29th

9am 38 4pm 6

Offering: March 29th

Current \$1350

Benevolence: \$330

Improvement: \$25

EWALU \$52

Food Pantry \$95

Jesup Ministerial \$95

Lutheran Disaster Relief: \$50

Memorial \$1150

Funds For Leaders : \$100

Current Balance as of 2/28/2026

Checking: \$9,303.98

Savings: \$63,996.93

Improvement \$38,797.79

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Mohr-Kelly

Music:

Usher: Merritt & Connie Jones

Deacon: Connie Hamilton

Reader: Connie Hamilton

Fellowship: Chris Waring

Thank you to all our musicians today

Shirley Bergman

Courtney Frush

Scott & Marcia Riggs



**Thank you for your donation
for Easter Lilies
Please take them home today!**

Mary Adams in memory of
Bill Adams

Loyd & Frances Putman
Harold & Viola Adams

Jacob & Hailie Clark in memory of
Sandy Clark

Wendel Erpelding in memory of
Neva Erpelding

Eleanor Fratzke in memory of
Bob Fratzke

Jim & Cindy Gosse in memory of
Don & Jo Gosse

Bob & Bonnie Albers

Danny Kopplin in memory of
loved ones

Eugene Waring in memory of
Sheri Waring

