



Peace. Presence. Promise.

John 20:19–31

**In a locked room filled with fear, Jesus shows up.
He brings peace, gives purpose, and offers the Holy Spirit.
Even when we struggle to believe, he meets us with grace**



AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 12, 2026



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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.

Prelude: *Waymaker*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship

L. O God, who called all life into being.

The earth, sea and sky are yours

Your presence is all around us

Every atom is full of your energy

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,

With her we yearn for justice to be done

For creation to be freed from bondage

For the hungry to be fed

For captives to be released

For your kingdom of peace to come on earth

Opening Song – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God’s plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names up on my lips. R**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ’s resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

A reading from 1 Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated.

Hymn of the Day: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Nicene Creed (ELW pg 104 or in the back of the red hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

Offering Song: *Glorious Day*

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

God is with us today.

And we are not alone.

Let your hearts be lifted.

We lift them to you.

Let's take a moment to give thanks.

Thank you, God, for all you've given.

Communion

10,000 Reasons

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.

Closing Song: *Shout to the Lord*

Dismissal

Postlude: *In Christ Alone*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Need a reader for Sunday, April 19th Please email secretary@americanlutheranjesup.org

Today's the Day—Let's Pack the Pews!

As part of our call process, we're filming today to capture the life and spirit of ALC—our worship, music, and fellowship.

Let's fill the pews and show the joy and community that make this place so special!

You may see a camera (and a few interviews), so come ready to sing, smile, and shine!

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

Celebration of Life for Eugene Waring

A Celebration of Life service for Eugene Waring will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m., with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

An additional visitation will take place on Monday, April 13 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at Whites Funeral Home. Memorials can be directed to American Lutheran Church or St. Croix Hospice.

Jesup Community Blood Drive- American Legion, Tuesday, April 21st 12pm-5pm
Appointments are encouraged. To schedule call Monica @ 319-415-5275 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and search Sponsor Code: JesupIA

EWALU Spring Work Day: May 2nd, 9am-4pm Contact Diane Parker 563-933-4700 to let them know you are coming.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday, April 12th

9am Worship with Communion

Confirmation to follow Fellowship

Monday, April 13th

Council meeting

Wednesday, April 15th

6pm Worship Wednesday

Sunday, April 26th

9am Worship with Communion

Confirmation to follow fellowship

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: Contemporary

Usher: Lysne Family

Deacon: Maureen Even

Reader: Maureen Even

Fellowship: Sara Borland

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance April 5th

9am 81

Offering: April 5th

Current \$2220

Benevolence: \$115

Improvement: \$525

Food Pantry \$250

Jesup Ministerial \$250



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