

WELCOME 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!

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

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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.

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)

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!

Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

- 2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow**

Refrain

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Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

- 3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving, springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found**

Refrain

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have
ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast**

Refrain

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Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

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.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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.**

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 x2

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

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: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 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God’s victorious rule over all.

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human

being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151) Sung

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL:24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and

be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”⁸ Then they remembered his words,⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 376) Thine is the Glory

**1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the
stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets
thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of
triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught
without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home
above.**

Refrain

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NICENE CREED (p 152)

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

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 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.**
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

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)

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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.

he Easter Lilies on the Altar are in honor of the following: All of our Service Men and Women our Families. Please Take Them Home Today

Bob & Berniece Albers, Bill Adams, Harold & Viola Adams, Ramona & Scylvan Bahls. Rocky Fratzke, Dixie Heimbuck, Cathie Gordon, Jeff Lansing, Vivian & Richard Phillips, Loyd & Frances Putnam, Sherilyn Waring

A Jesup High School leadership class, CAPS, is partnering with a Cedar Valley organization "Cedar Valley Angels®" to collect certain items identified and designed to assist their mission of supporting foster kids and their foster families In the Cedar Valley area. Kaylie Bergman, a senior at Jesup and member of ALC, is coordinating this project along with her high school classmate, Landon Vogel, as part of their CAPS project curriculum. QR codes and web links to the Cedar Valley Angels organization as well as a list of donation suggestions are below and were included in a handout during the church service. Item drop off can be at the American Lutheran Church, Cowork 591 or the Jesup Community High School through the end of April. Your support is greatly appreciated, contact me at Kaylie.bergman@jesup.k12.ia.us any questions. Thank you, Kaylie Bergman and Landon Vogel on behalf of Jesup CAPS. □

Love Box Items: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Dishwasher pods, Dish Soap, Disinfectant Wipes, Fruit Snacks, Individual Snack Bags, Granola Bars, Pack of pudding, Coloring Books, Crayons, Makers, Colored Pencils, Toy car/truck, Baby or Barbie Doll, Play-Doh, Family craft, game puzzle or activity, Toilet paper

April 21-25 Drop off @CoWork 591, churches and school

Easter Offering is designated to the Independence Area Food Pantry.

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.

Pastor Pat is on vacation April 24-28th. Pastor Dan Mixdorf will be our pastor for Sunday April; 27th

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday April 20th

9:00am Easter Sunday Worship and Communion

Wednesday April 23

6:15 Confirmation ALC

Friday April 25th

6:30pm Pizza, Puzzle and Pop

Sunday April 27th

8:30am Worship & Holy Communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 4/13/25: **50**

Current Balance **3/30/2025**

Checking: \$3309.52

Improvement Fund: \$47670.08

Savings: 44611.90

Offering: **04/13/2025**

Current: \$1016

Benevolence: \$215

Improvement: \$25

EWALU Campership \$100

Youth Ministry: \$100

Jesup Ministerial \$200

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Mike & Chris Waring

Deacon: Maureen Even

Reader: Christy Phillips