

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”



**Third Sunday of Easter
Service of Holy Communion
April 15, 2018**

American Lutheran Church
1941 Silver Street • Ashland, Nebraska 68003

Faithfully Living, Loving, and Serving in God's Grace

Welcome! It is a joy to gather with you in prayer and praise on this day the Lord has made. May you rejoice in the promise of new life in Christ and take with you the good news that Jesus is alive, surprising you with his grace-filled welcome every day of your life.

If you have questions or need help finding anything, please ask the greeters or ushers. We expect and want children in worship, but if needed, a kids' room (0-5 years old) is on the main floor, next to the kitchen.

Additional information about our mission can be found at www.alcashland.org. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/alcashland and follow us on Instagram: [alcashland](https://www.instagram.com/alcashland).

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Opportunities to Serve, Witness, and Worship

Today: 9:15 am	Care Center
9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
10:30 am	Fellowship
10:45 am	Christian Education
Monday: 8:00 pm	Prone to Wander
Wednesday: 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Thursday: 5:00 pm	Kids' Cupboard
Next Sunday: 9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion
10:30 am	Fellowship
10:45 am	Christian Education

Serving in Worship Today

Clergy.....	Pastor Steve
Acolytes.....	Cordell Kelley & Dane Jacobsen
Communion.....	Jerry Lusienki
Counters.....	Stephanie Lusienki & Jack Eager
Fellowship.....	Niemeyer family
Flowers.....	Bob & Judy Goff
Greeters.....	Jean Whiteaker & Nancy Johnson
Lector.....	Jack Eager
Projection.....	Nicole Chudomelka
Usher Team.....	Team 3

We Lift In Prayer

- **Judy Allington** - (Friend of Pat Riecken, Grandmother of Austin & Kelli) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- **Ann Anderson** - (Mother of Tiffany Harms) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Delmar Anderson** - (**Grandfather of Tiffany Harms**) - **Prayers for healing and strength**
- **Brad Bishop** - (Friend of the McCoy Family) - *Prayers for dealing with FTD disease*
- **Erika & Spencer Choquette** - (Friend of Ryan Blodgett) - *Prayers for comfort and strength*
- **Lynette Crosley** - (Sister-in-law of Jennifer Kelley) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Mike Constanzo** - (Friend of the Washburn Family) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- **Leroy Drews** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- **Mike & Deb Foote** - (Friends of Rich & Teri Miller) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- **Trevor Fossler** - *Prayers for healing, strength and hope*
- **Dale & Audrey Freyer** - *Prayers for strength and peace*
- **Kathy Freyer** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- **Lou Gibson** - *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- **Bob & Judy Harden** - (Aunt & Uncle of Staci Jacobsen & Pat Craven) - *Prayers for healing*
- **Beverly Harter** - (Dee Barney's Friend) - *Prayers for peace and strength*
- **Miller Heller** - (Friend of Doug Washburn) - *Prayers for healing*
- **Gayle Jensen** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Judy Johnson** - (Friend of Janet Pike and Teri Miller) – *Comfort & Peace*
- **Earlyne Kuhns** - (Friend of Janet Pike & Teri Miller) - *Prayers for continued healing*
- **Jim Libal** - *Prayers for comfort & strength*
- **Reese Loges** - (Daughter of Andrew and Leighann) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Sue Lutton** - *Prayers for healing after surgery and treatment*
- **Cindy Lutz** - (Mother of Melissa Kasuske) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Nancy MacNeil** – (Friend of Deb Pike) – *Prayers for healing*
- **Rich Miller** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- **Dick Nissen** - *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- **Shari Nygren** - *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- **Bob Peters** - (Son of Nancy Peters) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Samantha Pritchett** - (Niece of Melissa Kasuske) - *Prayers for healing*
- **Merv Riecken** - *Prayers for dealing with PSP*
- **Lyndsay Rupp** - (Friend of the Mumm Family) - *Prayers for healing*
- **Janet Salak** – (friend of Washburn family) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Grace Starns** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Marlene Vogt** - (Friend of the Washburn Family) - *Prayers for healing*
- **Alex Wacker** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Doug Washburn** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- **Alma Lutheran Church in Mead, NE** - *Prayers for continued blessings and guidance for their future*
- **All men & women serving in the Armed Forces**

Each week we light the white candle on the altar for the safety of the American Troops and hope for world peace.

Contact the church office to add someone to the prayers or to make an update.

Announcements

◆ **Today:** ALC Scholarship applications are due today. Any member who is a high school senior and is planning on pursuing post-secondary education is encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Please contact the church office for an application or with questions.

◆ This month's calendar and schedule are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take one if you would like a paper copy.

◆ **May 6:** Confirmation Sunday is May 6. Please join us as we celebrate the faith journeys of our youth. The confirmands will help lead worship and share their faith statements. Reception to follow.

◆ **May 6:** In worship we will honor ALC's upcoming high school graduates.

◆ **April 22:** Our April men's ministry gathering is next Sunday at 6 pm at Bob Luebbe's house (1801 Horseshoe Dr., Ashland). All men are invited to join us for a time of good food, fellowship, and conversation. These gatherings have been a great time for us to bond together as a group of men and to support one another. Please bring a side dish or snack food to share, and your beverage of choice. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve.

Daily Readings

- **Monday, April 16, 2018:** [Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16](#)
- **Tuesday, April 17, 2018:** [Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6](#)
- **Wednesday, April 18, 2018:** [Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18](#)
- **Thursday, April 19, 2018:** [Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26](#)
- **Friday, April 20, 2018:** [Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4](#)
- **Saturday, April 21, 2018:** [Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34](#)

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Absolution

Gathering Hymn“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”ELW 858

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First ReadingActs 3:12-19

Second Reading1 John 3:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading..... Luke 24:36b-48

Response: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message.....Pastor Steve

Hymn of the Day..... “As We Gather at Your Table” ELW 522

Prayers of Intercession

“...Lord, in your mercy.”

Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer.”

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace ELW p. 143

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

Offering

All that we are and all that we have, comes from God. We worship God now, in releasing what God has first entrusted us: our time, our possessions, and ourselves. May this time of giving and prayer open a way of life, grounded in gratitude and praise for all God has done for you.

Offertory “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW 884

Offering Prayer

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

Dialogue

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.**

Litany

Each of us is broken by sin and less than God has created us to be, but this does not disqualify us from being touched by God and serving Him in any capacity, large or small, broken as we are.

Response:

God uses broken things. It takes broken clouds to give rain, broken ground to give grain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength.

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

*All are welcome to this meal. We believe that Christ is fully present in this sacrament, forgiving our sin and nourishing our lives. Communion will be served **around the rail**. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Come forward by the ushers’ direction. Children who commune indicate with open hands. When you return to your seats, please use this time for prayer or support your neighbors by singing the following songs:*

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God” ELW p. 146

“Break Now the Bread of Life” ELW 515

“As the Grains of Wheat” ELW 465

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” ELW 697

Table Blessing

Response: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Response: Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” ELW 373

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!