

**Ephesians 1: 18** I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. **19** I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power **20** that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

**Announcements**

**Grief Support Group**

Time: Every Wednesday @ 2pm  
Dates: March 25-April 29  
Where: Kossuth Regional Health Center Conference Room C (by Community Health)



**This Week's Schedule**

- April 12**  
Worship 9am  
Adult & High School Bible Study 10:15am
- April 13**  
LHN 8:30-11:30am  
ELO 9-2pm  
Eastland Bible Study 1:30pm  
Finance Meeting 5:30pm
- April 14**  
Mat Weaving 9-11:30am  
Homestead 9am  
Van Buren 10am  
Prayer Devotion @ noon  
Missions Meeting 5:30pm
- April 15**  
LHN 8:30-11:30am  
ELO 9-2pm  
Choir 5:15pm  
Vine 5:30pm  
Kids Club, Confirmation, Bells 6:15-7pm  
High School Youth Group 7-8pm
- April 16**  
LHN 8:30-11:30am  
Charity Circle 9am  
Friendship Circle 1:30pm
- April 17**  
Office closes @ 12 noon
- April 18**  
Worship 5pm
- April 19**  
Worship 9am  
Adult & High School Bible Study 10:15am



**ALGONA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

APRIL 11 & 12, 2026

**WELCOME SERVE LOVE**

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: How glorious it is to hear of Jesus' resurrection.

**People: At his death, our hearts cried out and we felt lost.**

Leader: But he comes to us and walks with us, even now.

**People: In the holy word, in the music, in the prayers, he is present with us.**

Leader: Open your hearts to the Lord.

**People: Lord, help us really be ready to receive you into our lives. AMEN.**

#### Unison Opening Prayer

**Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.**

*\*Song #307 "Christ Is Risen"*

*(Sung to the tune, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")*

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 24:13-24*

#### Unison Congregational Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the work world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

#### Words of Assurance

Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. **All: Amen.**

*\*Song #308 "Thine Be the Glory"*

#### Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

#### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

#### Offering & \*Doxology

#### \*Offertory Prayer

**God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.**

*\*Song #318 "Christ Is Alive" Verses 1, 2, 3, 5*

#### Children's Message

**Gospel Reading** *Luke 24:25-35*

**Message** *"Are Your Eyes Open to the Risen Christ?"*

*\*Response #177 "He Is Lord"*

#### \*Benediction

**Loving God, continue to speak to our hearts as we journey from this place. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. We pray in Christ's Name. Amen.**

#### Are Your Eyes Open to the Risen Christ? Luke 24:13-35

*The Emmaus Road Easter day interaction of the two disciples with Jesus illustrates a common reality for many Christians: Jesus is Alive! He walks with us through life. But often our spiritual eyes are dulled to His presence. By digging into the Emmaus story, we learn lessons for opening our eyes to Jesus' presence in our lives.*

**Don't Walk Alone. Share Your Experiences with Others: 13** That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. **14** As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them.

**Be Honest about Your Struggles: 17** He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces . . . **21** We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago . . .

**Look for the Overarching Message of the Bible: 25** Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. **26** Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" **27** Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

**Remain Connected through Fellowship and Worship: 30** As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. **31** Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

**Pay Attention to the Stirrings of Your Heart: 32** They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

**Share Your Experience with Others: 33** And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them . . . Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.