

Let there be
lights
in the firmament of the
heaven

Genesis 1:14

American Lutheran Church (ALC) 

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You are holy. You are perfect in every way, but we are deeply flawed.

ALL: Like pure water and crude oil, we cannot join together. Our sins have tainted our lives, introducing flaws and failures, defects and death. How could we ever hope to have a good and lasting relationship with You?

PASTOR: The Bible reminds us that God came in person to purify us, to cleanse you and me, to remove the stains of our sin.

ALL: That is the miracle of the cross, of the empty tomb.

PASTOR: Jesus Christ, true God, allowed Himself to suffer and die on a cross to miraculously forgive our wrong-doings. Three days later, He rose again from the dead, a victory that offers you a new and eternal life with Him. That is why we worship today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, You work and sacrifice to join our broken lives to You now and forever. Help us to find freedom in that fact, to live like the holy and complete people You have designed us to be. Guide our actions through Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Cornerstone”

First Reading

Leviticus 16:1-2a, 3a, 5-7, 15, 20-22

Psalm 42:9-11

READER: 9 O God, my Rock,
Why have You forgotten me?

**ALL: Why must I wander around in grief,
oppressed by my enemies?**

READER: ¹⁰ Their taunts break my bones.

They scoff, “Where is this God of yours?”

**ALL: ¹¹ I find myself feeling discouraged, but why?
Why is my heart so sad?**

READER: I will put my hope in God!

**ALL: I will praise Him again
for He is my Savior and my God!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:19-22

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 27:45-46, 50-53

The Nicene Creed

**ALL: 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; by the
power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the
Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the
prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Beyond the Veil"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Prayers of the People
PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...
ALL: ...hear our prayer.

♪ The Lord's Prayer
ALL: **Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever! Amen.**

Benediction *A word of blessing.*

♪ Closing "The Blessing"

Postlude *We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

The Mission Statement of American Lutheran Church

Led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
we seek to make the Kingdom of God real and present in our
world through ongoing worship, witness, and service.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Visitors are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Ethan or talk to one of the ushers about our American Lutheran Church family!

Our current prayer list includes Deb Adamek, Marlys Arenson, Olivia Beekman, Shelly Enfer-Triebebach, Lee Fearing, Seth Hibbs, Mark Holman, Lyle Lubbers, Ethan Lund, Blaine and Bernice Petrie, and the family of Laurie Poegel.

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Ron Conley in honor of friends and family. Thank you for supporting this ministry, ensuring God's Word can reach people over the airwaves! If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. The cost is \$75. Thank you!

Please consider signing up to serve as an Usher or Greeter. Sign-up sheets are on the wall in the back of the sanctuary. See Teresa Pachan, Head Usher, with any questions.

Bible Readings for Next Week: March 21, 2021

2 Chronicles 20:15b-17

Romans 12:1-2

Psalms 37:3-9; 23-24

John 14:15-21

Sermon Title: "Testimony – Kari Christians"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Worship Team

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Charles Berscheid

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Ushers: The Dave Hasse Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Your 2021 offering envelopes can be picked up in the narthex.

2021 Membership Directories are available in the narthex.

We are in need of people to sign up to bring Easter lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Be sure to mark how many you will bring and who they are in honor or memory of.

Help! We need people to help usher on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 18th through Thursday, July 22nd from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm for ages 4 through entering 6th grade. Supper will be served.

Mark your calendar: Todd County Fair will be Thursday, July 15th through Sunday, July 18th.

Receiving Blankets are available on a table in the narthex to be taken home and hemmed.

CHURCH OUTREACH

Missionaries: Dan and Nancy Butkowski; Dwight and Dorothy Hazard; Chris Mikkelson.

Prayer Partners is our confidential chain of prayer. To request a prayer, send an e-mail to prayer@americanlutheranchurch.org. If you would like your name added or removed from the Prayer Partners' e-mail list, contact Patty Ostendorf or Becky Hillig.

Our Mission Focus for March is our Long Prairie Food Shelf. A box for food donations is in the narthex. Food and money donations are needed. Earmark your monetary gift “Food Shelf” and we’ll make sure they get it. March is Minnesota Food Share month.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 146

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,235.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 2/28/21:

Budgeted needs: \$41,642.66

Receipts: \$33,236.23

Actual expenses: \$29,220.78

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

March 14th, 2021

March 28th: Palm Sunday fundraiser

April 18th: First Communion

May 1st: Blanket Bash for 3-6th graders

May 19th: Family Kickball & picnic at Lake Charlotte

It's Summer Camp Time!

Camps are opening up for the summer and I wanted to remind you about camperships! Here's how they work:

1. You decide your camp and date that works for you
2. Your camper and/or family agree to work at the Todd County Fair stand (July 15-18)
3. Your kids camp fee is paid for!

Updated campership forms and camp brochures are located on the Youth & Family table.

Contact Kari if you have any questions!

Lent and Easter Family
Devotionals available on the
Y&F table!

Follow along on a journey to
Easter with a devotion for
each Sunday in lent
and the days of Holy Week.



Donations of
muffins, bars, or
cookies needed
for mission trip
fundraiser on
Palm Sunday!
Please sign up
in the narthex.
Thank you!

How's life? Want to talk about it? Feel free to contact me.
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Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Mar. 14th** **9:00 am** Worship Service
 10:15 am Sunday School
 7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting
- Mon. Mar. 15th** **7:00 pm** Sarah Circle Bible Study
- Tue. Mar. 16th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 17th** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
 4:15 pm Worship Team Practice
 5:30 pm Team Kid – Grades 1-6
 6:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sun. Mar. 21st** **9:00 am** Worship Service
 10:15 am Sunday School
 11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

* Radio Broadcasting on KEYL 1400 AM and 103.1 FM, live-streaming on Facebook, and video recordings of services posted later on website.