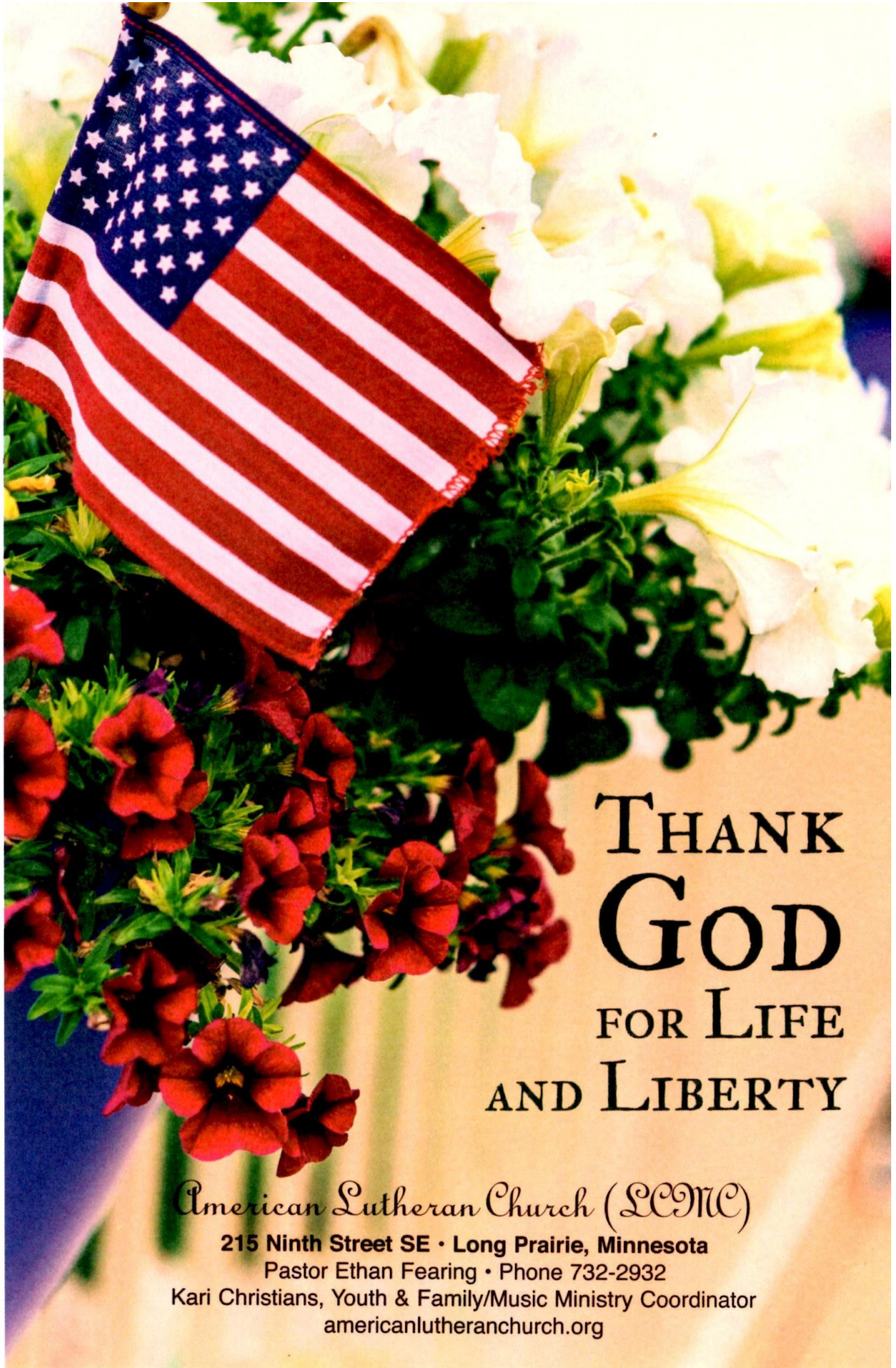


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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.
LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

Prelude “Let Freedom Ring!”

**Deep within, the heart has always
known that there is freedom,
somehow breathed into the very soul of life.**

**The prisoner, the powerless,
the slave have always known it;
there’s something that keeps reaching for the sky.**

**And even life begins because
a baby fights for freedom
and songs we love to sing have freedom’s theme.**

**Some have walked through fire and flood
to find a place of freedom
and some faced hell itself for freedom’s dream.**

**Let freedom ring wherever minds
know what it means to be in chains;
let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain;
let freedom echo through the lonely streets
where prisons have no key.**

We can be free and we can sing, “Let freedom ring!”

**God built freedom into every
fiber of creation and he meant for us
to all be free and whole;
oh, but when my Lord bought freedom
with the blood of His redemption,**

**His cross stamped pardon on my very soul!
I'll sing it out with every breath!
I'll let the whole world hear it;
this hallelujah anthem of the free.**

**That iron bars and heavy chains
can never hold us captive,
the Son has made us free and free indeed!**

**Let freedom ring down through the ages
from a hill called Calvary;
let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain;
let freedom echo through the lonely streets
where prisons have no key.**

You can be free and you can sing, "Let freedom ring!"

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

Page 56 LBW

PASTOR: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: 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.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection.

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

ALL: ...we confess that we are in bondage 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. Amen.

Announcement of forgiveness.

♪ Opening Hymn “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” #566 LBW

Greeting Page 57 LBW

PASTOR: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

♪ The Kyrie, a Prayer for Mercy Page 57 LBW

PASTOR: In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

ALL: Amen!

♪ Hymn of Praise Pages 58-59 LBW

PASTOR: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

ALL: LORD God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, LORD God, Lamb of

God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

Page 62 LBW

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, we are overwhelmed. What can we do when our nation seems to be at a breaking point? Vice is excused and even celebrated, while the virtues that have uplifted us – the virtues with which You blessed us – are rejected. This breakdown is everywhere, both in these States and around the world.

We put our trust in You, Christ Jesus. Loving Savior King, guide us by Your Spirit. Bring us through this tiring time, leading us to our Heavenly Father's Kingdom of eternal Paradise. Amen.

First Reading

1 Chronicles 17:1-4, 7b-8, 10b-14

Psalm 145:1, 3-7, 13

READER: ¹ I will raise You up, my God and King,
and praise Your name forever and ever.

ALL: ³ **The LORD is great!**

More than anyone, He deserves praise!

No one can measure God's greatness.

READER: ⁵ I will ponder Your majesty,
Your glorious splendor,
Your wonderful miracles!

ALL: ⁶ **And every tongue will buzz with news
of Your awe-inspiring deeds!**

We will proclaim Your greatness.

READER: ⁷ Everyone will share the story

of your wonderful goodness!

ALL: We will joyfully sing about Your righteousness!

READER: ¹³ For Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.

ALL: You rule throughout all generations.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-14

✦  Reading Response

Page 62 LBW

ALL: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

 The Gospel, God's Good News

Page 63 LBW

PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of John, the eighteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

John 18:33, 36-38a

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "House and Home"

✦ The Apostles Creed

Page 65 LBW

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

 Offering Hymn "All Hail the Power" (verses 1, 4-7)

#328 LBW

✦ 🎵 The Offering Response Page 75 LBW
ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Words of Institution Page 69 LBW

🎵 Communion Hymns

“God of Our Fathers” (verses 1-4)	#567 LBW
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (verses 1-4)	#320 LBW
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (verses 1-4)	#157 LBW

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

The Lord’s Prayer Page 76 LBW
ALL: Our Father, who 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 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.

Benediction *A word of blessing.*

🎵 Closing Hymn “Crown Him” (verses 1-4) #170 LBW

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, Lee Fearing, John Hasse, Seth Hibbs, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Blanche Tirk, Teresa Wiegers, and the family of Laurie Poegel.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Karl & Beth Arenson in honor of Independence Day and our veterans. Thank you for 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 Mark and Teresa Pachan, Head Ushers, with any questions.

Bible Readings for Next Week: July 11, 2021

2 Samuel 11:1-5 Romans 6:20-23

Psalms 25:1-2, 4, 6-7a Mark 8:34-38

Sermon Title: “The Butterfly Effect”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Acolyte: Charles Berscheit



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU everyone for your support of New 2 U sale! Your service blesses countless others! ALCW

Reminder for next Esther Circle meeting Wednesday, July 14th at 9:30 a.m. We are following the bible study “Living With Jesus” from Women of Faith. Books are available.

The Sarah Circle July meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Todd County Fair Reminder: It’s time to look at the donation board and sign-up board to show your support for our youth missions! There are many ways to help our American Lutheran Church Fair Stand and we appreciate all you do!

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.

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 July is Place of Hope in St. Cloud. The Place of Hope Ministries in St. Cloud is a Residential Program which ministers to those with chronic addiction and despair by providing a place to rebuild, restore, and repair the broken places in their lives. It is a Christ-centered

multi-faceted ministry for those who are struggling with poverty, hunger, homelessness, chemical or other life-controlling addictions. When participants graduate from the six-month, residential program, they have normally gained victory over the root causes of the life problems that brought them to POHM. They have *attained inter-dependent self-sufficiency* and are in a position to begin giving back to their families and communities.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 80

General Fund receipts for last week: \$1,932.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 5/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$101,793.08

Receipts: \$87,872.61

Actual expenses: \$82,373.17

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YOUTH & FAMILY

July 4th, 2021

SAVE
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DATE

July 15-18th: Todd County Fair Stand

July 18-22nd: Vacation Bible School-Concrete & Cranes!

August 8-13th: Youth Mission Trip

August 25th: Church Night at the Drive In



Join the Fun at VBS 2021!

July 18-22 | 5:00-7:30pm

Ages 4 years - 6th grade

Supper at 5:00 provided to registrants and their families!

Program runs from 5:30-7:30

Register at www.vbsmate.com/alclp

Mark your calendars!

Our annual church night at the drive in has been set for

AUGUST 25th at 7pm

More details to come, but plan to join us for this fun night of fellowship, games, and worship!

Youth Worship Team

Happening on Mondays
at 1:00pm

Come and join us for singing, playing, and enjoying the art of worship through music!

How's life? Want to talk about it? Feel free to contact me.
Kari Christians (320)533-3021 karichristians@yahoo.com

Fair Stand Positions

In Back

Griller: responsible for grilling burgers/cheeseburgers; frying onions; warming up bacon (it will be baked ahead of time this year) and putting together burger orders as needed by basket prep person

Fryer: responsible for making french fries, onion rings, and chicken strips for orders needed by basket prep person

Basket Prep: responsible for putting orders together from Order Forms; must be able to shout out what is needed to workers from Order Form; must be organized to put several orders together at 1 time; take care of pickle preference; FYI: kids menu was eliminated to streamline the orders

Extra Kitchen Helper/Fair Stand Committee Member: responsible for hot dogs; chicken salads; watch for refills being needed: frozen hamburger patties; cheese plate; bacon plate; pickles; buns; onions

Safety: Wash hands before shift; don't touch face/mouth with hands while working; wipe off sweat with paper towel/wash hands; wear gloves if prepping food; take off apron during breaks

Clothing: wear T-shirt/not tank top; appropriate length shorts; closed toe shoes; keep hair back

Fair Stand Positions

In Front

Adult Server: Connect with Adult Server from last shift to see if any items are sold out and whose orders haven't been taken yet; connect with servers on your shift; assign each a section; review Order Form with them; make sure they sign up with Cashier for free meal; give servers breaks as needed; watch items on Duty List; assign to server when not busy

Servers: Check in with Adult Server on shift for section assignment; sign in with cashier for free meal; let Adult Server know if you need a break; finish serving any orders taken at shift change; watch items on Duty List during any slow or down times

Duties to Cover in Front: Keep ketchup, mustard, salt, pepper, Ranch/French dressing filled; organize pop cooler; keep countertops clean and organized; make iced tea and lemonade when needed

Safety: Wash hands before shift; don't touch face/mouth with hands while working; wipe off sweat with paper towel/wash hands; wear gloves if prepping food; take off apron during breaks

Clothing: wear T-shirt/not tank top; appropriate length shorts; closed toe shoes; keep hair back

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Jul. 4th	9:00 am Worship Service with Communion 6:00 pm Real Deal Youth Group
Mon. Jul. 5th	9:30 am Growing Young Meeting 1:00 pm Youth Worship Team Practice
Tue. Jul. 6th	9:00 am Staff Meeting
Wed. Jul. 7th	5:00 pm Worship Team Practice 6:00 pm Worship Service with Communion 6:45 pm Adult Bible Study
Thu. Jul. 8th	6:30 pm VBS Volunteers Meeting
Sun. Jul. 11th	9:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Real Deal Youth Group 7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting

Sunday worship services are radio broadcast on KEYL 1400 AM and 103.1 FM, live-streamed on Facebook, and posted with video recordings of services later on website.