



Teach me thy way,  
**O LORD;**  
I will walk in thy truth.

Psalm 86:11a

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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.

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Prelude Music

*We prepare our hearts for worship.*

Welcome and the Sharing of God's Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

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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 “Blessed Assurance”

#699 WOV

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood  
This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long!  
This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long!**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long!  
This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long!**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior, am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love  
This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long!  
This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior all the day long!**

Greeting

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**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

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**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

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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

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PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

The Serenity Prayer – Reinhold Niebuhr

**ALL: God, grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change,  
The courage to change the things I can,  
And *wisdom* to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,**

**Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it.  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His will.  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with Him forever in the next.  
Amen.**

First Reading

*1 Kings 3:3-14*

Psalm 111:1a, 2, 7-10

READER: <sup>1a</sup> Praise the LORD!

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> Everything the LORD does is amazing!**

**We who know and love Him should ponder His deeds.**

READER: <sup>7</sup> All that He does is just and good,  
and all His commandments are trustworthy.

**ALL: <sup>8</sup> They are forever true,  
to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.**

READER: <sup>9</sup> He has paid a full ransom for His people.  
He guaranteed His covenant promises with them forever.

What a holy, awe-inspiring name the LORD has!

**ALL: <sup>10</sup> An awe-filled respect for the LORD  
is the foundation of true wisdom.**

READER: Everyone who follows His Law  
will grow in wisdom.  
Praise the LORD forever!

Second Reading

*James 1:5-8*

✦  Reading Response

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

♪ The Gospel, God's Good News

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Luke 21:12b-19*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Wisdom and Foolishness"

✦ The Apostles Creed

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**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 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

#783 WOV

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God**

**And its righteousness;**

**And all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;**

**Seek and you shall find.**

**Knock and it shall be opened unto you.**

**Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

**We do not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

✦ **♫ The Offering Response**

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**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**

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♫ **Communion Hymn “Thine the Amen” (verses 1-3)**

#801 WOV

**Thine the amen, Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory, Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard, then the cup is  
Lifted up, lifted up!**

**Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision, Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing, gone the railing  
Gone the pleading, gone the cry  
Gone the sighing, gone the dying  
What was loss lifted high!**

**Thine the truly, Thine the yes  
Thine the table, we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing**

**then the end of all the war  
Thine the living, Thine the loving  
Evermore, evermore!**

♪ Communion Hymn “Day by Day”

#746 WOV

**Day by day, Your mercies, LORD, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, LORD, You send me  
draw me nearer to my heav’nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I’ll find eternal rest.**

**Day by day, I know You will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek Your loving will to guide me  
o’er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in Your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life’s pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold Your face.**

**Oh, what joy to know that You are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that You will hear me  
when I come, O LORD, to You in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
You will hold me ever in Your hand.  
Savior, with Your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the Promised Land.**

♪ Communion Hymn “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#721 WOV

**Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.**



**Go, My children, with My blessing; you are My own.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.  
I, the LORD, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I, the LORD, will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I, the LORD, will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children, I will keep you, and give you peace.**

Prayers of the People

**PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...**

**ALL: ...hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

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**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 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#651 WOV

**CHORUS: Shine, Jesus, shine**

**Fill this land with the Father's glory**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your Word  
LORD, and let there be light**

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me! (GO TO CHORUS)**

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me! (GO TO CHORUS)**

Postlude

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

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### **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, Rich Hillman, Lyndy Holmquist, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Rose Thorp, Blanche Tirk, Teresa Wiegers, the family of Laurie Poegel, and the family of LeRoy Chapin.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Alan & Melinda Bruder in honor of children and grandchildren. 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: August 8, 2021**

Song of Songs 2:10-13; 8:7                      Ephesians 5:21-26, 31-32

Psalm 143:7-8                                      Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon Title: “A Thirst for Love”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Music: Worship Service

Acolyte: Evan Flan

Reader: Deb Adamek



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

## 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](mailto: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 the month of August** is our radio broadcast ministry through KEYL. We are thankful for all of you who are willing to support this outreach with your donations.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 73

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,382.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 6/30/21:

Budgeted needs: \$120,300.84

Receipts: \$101,116.61

Actual expenses: \$108,493.44

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# YOUTH & FAMILY

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Growing Young meeting 9:30am

August 8-13<sup>th</sup>: Youth Mission Trip

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Long Prairie Kids Camp

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Church Night at the Drive In

Long Prairie Area Churches Present

LONG PRAIRIE  
**Kids  
camp**

1-3:30  
PM

1st-6th  
Grade

July 14th, July 28th,  
and August 11th

At Harmony Park

Games, Music, Crafts, Snacks, Bible Lessons, and MORE!

**FREE!**

**@LongPrairieCamps**

***Mark your calendars!***

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

**AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Price: \$4 per person**

**Age 5 and under free!**

**Includes hot dog, chips & water served from 7-8; small pop and popcorn, too!**

**Games & worship before the movie!**



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

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## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**      **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion  
**10:15 am** Board of Education Meeting
- Mon. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **9:30 am** Growing Young Meeting  
**1:00 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **9:00 am** Staff Meeting  
**7:00 pm** Trustees Meeting
- Wed. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>**      **5:00 pm** Worship Team Practice  
**6:00 pm** **Worship Service with Communion**  
**7:30 pm** Deacons Meeting
- Sat. Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 am** Visitation for Laurie Poegel  
**11:00 am** Funeral for Laurie Poegel
- Sun. Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>**      **9:00 am** **Worship Service**  
**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.