



Come ye yourselves apart into a
desert place,
and
rest a while

Mark 6:31

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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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 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 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

#781 WOV

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

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

PASTOR: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

ALL: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: "Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever! Amen." This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day – Psalm 44:23a, 24b-26

ALL: Wake up, O LORD! Why does it seem like You're asleep?

Why do You ignore our suffering and oppression?

We have collapsed in the dust,

Our faces pressed hard into the dirt.

Rise up! Help us!

[We know we've been selling ourselves short;]

In Your unfailing love, buy us back! Reclaim us as Yours.

Amen!

First Reading

2 Samuel 18:1-2, 5, 9, 14-15, 33

Psalm 37:7-11

READER: 7 Be still in the presence of the LORD,
and wait patiently for Him to act.

**ALL: Don't worry about evil people who prosper
or worry about their wicked schemes.**

READER: 8 Stop being so angry!
Turn away from your rage.

**ALL: Don't lose your temper –
it only leads to harm.**

READER: 9 After all, we know the wicked will be destroyed,
but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land.

ALL: 10 Soon the wicked will disappear.

When you look for them, they will be gone!

READER: 11 Then the lowly will possess the land
and will live in peace and prosperity.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30-32

✦ 🎵 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 Matthew, the fifth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 5:21-24

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Brantley Allen Eischens

PASTOR: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

PASTOR: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

PASTOR: And do you believe in God the Spirit?

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.

Sermon “Processing through Prayer”

Psalm 3 *Written by David in regards to him fleeing his son Absalom.*

1 O LORD, I have so many enemies;
so many are against me.

2 So many are saying,
“God will never rescue him!” *Selah.*

3 But You, O LORD, are a shield around me;
You are my glory, the One who holds my head high.

4 I cried out to the LORD,
and He answered me from His holy mountain. *Selah.*

5 I lay down and slept,
yet I woke up in safety,

for the LORD was watching over me.

6 I am not afraid, even though tens of thousands of enemies surround me on every side.

7 Arise, O LORD!

Rescue me, my God!

Slap all my enemies in the face!

Shatter the teeth of the wicked!

8 Victory comes from You, O LORD.

May You bless Your people. *Selah.*

♪ Offering Hymn “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #780 WOV

✦ ♪ The Offering Response Page 86 LBW

ALL: Let the vineyards be fruitful, LORD, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be filled with the Bread of Life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come!

The Words of Institution Page 89 LBW

♪ Communion Hymns

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” #771 WOV

“In the Morning When I Rise” #777 WOV

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” #779 WOV

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer Page 91 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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#721 WOV

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, Rich Hillman, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Kirk Olson, Rose Thorp, Blanche Tirk, Teresa Wiegers, the family of Joshua Holman, and the family of Laurie Poegel.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Jonathan & Joni Young in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary. 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 25, 2021

2 Samuel 24:1, 10-13

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

Psalms 25:8-14

John 5:24

Sermon Title: “Two Sides to Every Story”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Pianist: Melba Granlund

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Sira Christians

Deacon: Jon Fevig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: 83

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,773.00

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

July 18th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

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

Long Prairie Kid Camps: July 28 & Aug 11

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

Long Prairie Area Churches Present

1-3:30
PM

LONG PRAIRIE Kids camp

1st-6th
Grade

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



At Harmony Park

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

FREE!

MORE INFO @



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Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Jul. 18th** **Todd County Fair Food Stand**
9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion and Baptism**
10:30 am Missions Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
- Mon. Jul. 19th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Youth Worship Team Practice
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
- Tue. Jul. 20th** **5:00 pm** Vacation Bible School
- Wed. Jul. 21st** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
5:00 pm Worship Team Practice
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm **Worship Service with Communion**
6:45 pm Adult Bible Study
- Thu. Jul. 22nd** **5:00 pm** Vacation Bible School
- Sun. Jul. 25th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service**

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.