

My sheep
hear my voice,
and I know them,
and they follow me

John 10:27

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Same God”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we need Your help every day.

ALL: Tests and temptations are all around us. What should we do? How can we avoid the choices that lead to failure, to falling short of Your good vision for our lives?

PASTOR: When Satan coaxes us, when the powers of evil invite us down dangerous paths, and when we follow them, will You be there to save us from stumbling?

ALL: Catch us when we fall, when we fail.

PASTOR: God came as Jesus Christ and endured every test, every temptation, and so He knows our struggle. But because He never gave in, Jesus was the only One who could serve as a sacrifice for our sins. When He went to the cross, God Himself took our faults and failures, suffered the consequence of death in your place, then rose again three days later. This means God can promise you a new life, an eternal life in His heavenly Kingdom, and He will also always be with you in times of testing. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day – Martin Luther

ALL: LORD God, heavenly Father, you know we are caught in the middle of many great dangers, and our human reason and frail nature are not enough to keep us standing upright. Lend us Your strength and protection, supporting us as we endure every hazard, and carry us through all temptations. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Come Now is the Time to Worship”

First Reading

2 Samuel 24:1, 10-13

Psalm 25:8-14

READER: 08 The LORD is good and does what is right;
He shows the proper path to those who go astray.

**ALL: 09 He leads the humble in doing right,
teaching them His way.**

READER: 10 The LORD leads with a faithful, unfailing love,
guiding everyone who keeps His covenant
and follows His orders.

**ALL: 11 We do this because your name’s honor, O LORD,
forgives our many, many sins.**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

John 5:24

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 "Two Sides to Every Story"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"Turn Your Eyes"
"Open Our Eyes"

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 "All the People Said Amen"

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, 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 John & Helen Monson in honor of their 57th 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: August 1, 2021

1 Kings 3:3-14 James 1:5-8
Psalm 111:1a, 2, 7-10 Luke 21:12b-19
Sermon Title: "Wisdom and Foolishness"

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Music: Worship Team
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Ethan Barthel
Deacon: Jon Fevig	



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We had an AWESOME week of Concrete and Cranes VBS learning all about Jesus, our strong foundation! Our many volunteers and staff spent time with 46 kids learning that Jesus' love provides a foundation that will last. A huge thank you to all who took time during the week to invest in these important relationships: Pastor Ethan, Laurie, Jene, and Ethan Barthel, Jody and Mason Ellingson, Julie Atkinson, Alyssa Fearing, Kari, Ashlyn and Sira Christians, Marlyne Klinder, Pat, Blake, and Caden Schultz, Eugene Holmquist, Emma Drum, Ronelle Hasse, Lucia Bakewicz, Carlie Eischens, Alexis Woeste, Sharon Blumke, Melinda Bruder, Betty Meyer, Andrea Flan, Jodi Eckel, Wanda Thompson, Linda and LaMoine Hatton, Kay Larson, Chris and Rodrigo Gonzalez, Jesus Garcia, and Bryan Rodriguez.

A special thank you to those who cried while cutting onions for the fair stand!

The August 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. 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: 100
General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,658.50
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 25th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

July 28th: Mission Trip Meeting
Long Prairie Kid Camps: July 28 & Aug 11
August 8-13th: Youth Mission Trip
August 25th: 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!

MORE INFO @

 @LongPrairieCamps

FREE!

The poster features a vibrant design with palm trees, clouds, and circular photos of children engaged in various activities like playing board games, posing for a group photo, and working on a craft project.

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!**



Mission Trip Meeting: Wednesday, July 28th @ 7pm
**We will review the plans for the week, your packing list,
and all you need to know! Bring a parent!**

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

- Sun. Jul. 25th 9:00 am Worship Service**
- Mon. Jul. 26th 1:00 pm Youth Worship Team Practice**
- Tue. Jul. 27th 9:00 am Staff Meeting**
- Wed. Jul. 28th 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Long Prairie Kids Camp**
4:00 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Worship Team Practice
6:00 pm Worship Service
6:45 pm Adult Bible Study
- Sun. Aug. 1st 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am Board of Education 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.