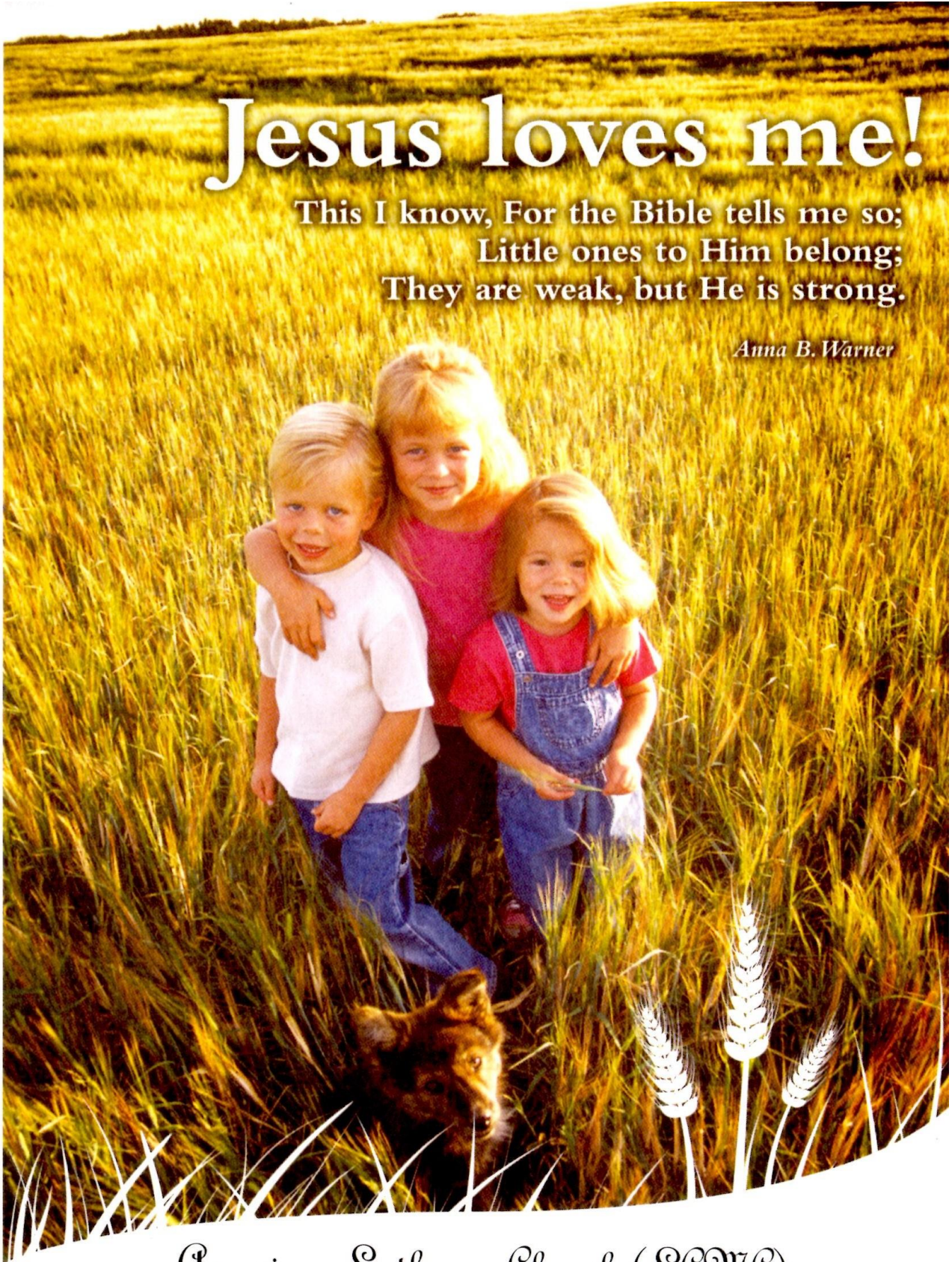


Jesus loves me!

This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

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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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#499 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

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

ALL: Almighty God, in every time of hardship, when we are expected to face new challenges every day, help us. Guide us by Your Holy Spirit, giving us Your strength, blessing us with peace of mind, and emboldening us to learn and grow from our every experience. Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 12:1-3, 13:1-6

Psalm 94:12-15

READER: ¹² Joyful are those You discipline, LORD,
those You teach with Your instructions.

**ALL: ¹³ You give them relief from troubled times
until a pit is dug to capture the wicked.**

READER: ¹⁴ The LORD will not reject His people;
He will not abandon His treasured possession.

**ALL: ¹⁵ Judgment will again be founded on justice,
and those with virtuous hearts will pursue it.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:3-13

✦ 🎵 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 23rd chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 23:9

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Challenge Course"

✦ 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 “He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought” #501 LBW

✦ ♪ 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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” #212 LBW

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #221 LBW

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” #494 LBW

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 “On Our Way Rejoicing”

#260 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, Seth Hibbs, Rich Hillman, Lyndy Holmquist, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Linda Maus, Rose Thorp, and Teresa Wieggers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Jonathan & Joni Young in memory of Glenn Luberts. 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 22, 2021

(Bible readings are yet to be determined.)

Sermon Title: “Mission Trip Sunday”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Reader: Jean Jacobsen

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Acolyte: Sira Christians

Usher: Blain Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Teachers for Sunday School

Do you enjoy spending time with children? Are you looking for an impactful way to share the love of Jesus with others? If so, American Lutheran Church is looking for Sunday School teachers for the following age groups:

2 years old - kindergarten

1st grade - 3rd grade

4th grade - 6th grade

If God has put it on your heart to teach, please reach out to a Board of Ed member (Jody Ellingson, Julie Atkinson, Laurie Barthel, Alyssa Fearing) or contact the Church office.

Live music, an honest message, and good fellowship!
BRING A CHAIR & WE'LL SEE YOU THERE



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

August 29, 2021 • 9:00 a.m. • potluck after
American Lutheran Church: 215 9th Street SE

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 the month of September is Chris Mikkelson Evangelistic Ministries, which seeks to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the most remote and unreached parts of the earth.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 116

General Fund receipts for last two weeks: \$25,177.38

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 7/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$138,808.60

Receipts: \$116,162.11

Actual expenses: \$122,486.12

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YOUTH & FAMILY

August 15th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

August 22nd: Mission Trip Sharing Service
August 25th: Church Night at the Drive In
September 12th: First Day of Sunday School

SERVE WITH US!

We have opportunities for you to partner with families in our church!

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Wednesday night elementary programming
- Family night supper teams
- 7-12 grade youth events
- Sunday morning Sunday school teachers

Please talk with Kari Christians to see how you can engage with these ministries!

Church Night at the Drive In

AUGUST 25th 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

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Aug. 15th** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion
 10:30 am Missions Committee Meeting
- Mon. Aug. 16th** **1:00 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
 7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study
- Tue. Aug. 17th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Aug. 18th** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
 5:00 pm Worship Team Practice
 6:00 pm **Worship Service with Communion**
- Sun. Aug. 22nd** **9:00 am** **Mission Trip 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.