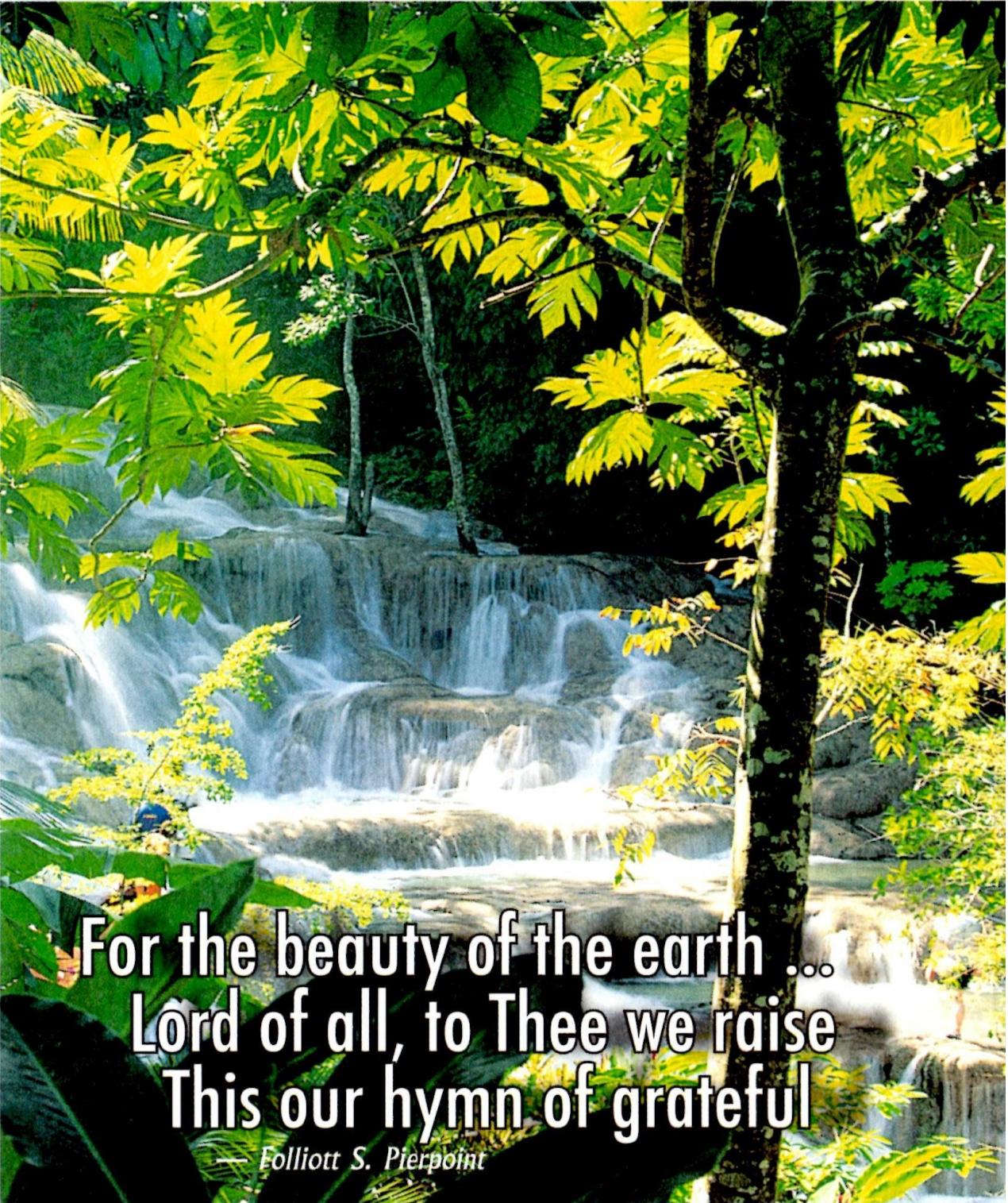


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For the beauty of the earth ...
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful

— *Folliot S. Pierpoint*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Make Me A Servant”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, where do You want us to go? Who do you want us to help?

ALL: How can we best serve, sharing Your love with the world?

PASTOR: We are not always traveling, but You still plan for our lives to be mission trips. With every action, with each person we meet, we can give of ourselves, doing what is right and good.

ALL: But we don’t always choose that holy work.

PASTOR: We have been forgiven, and God has given us another chance. By His ultimate act of loving service, by coming to us as Jesus Christ, by completing His mission at the cross and empty grave, He has miraculously given you a new and eternal life. Today marks another step on your journey, another chance to serve, and that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, give us Your strength and courage. Bless us with an enthusiasm for doing the greatest possible good, that our lives would be focused on Your loving mission. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Invocation”

LEADER: In the name of the Father,

ALL: In the name of the Father,

LEADER: In the name of the Son,

ALL: In the name of the Son,

LEADER: In the name of the Spirit,

ALL: In the name of the Spirit,

LEADER: All Three in One!

ALL: All Three in One!

LEADER: In the name of the Father,

ALL: In the name of the Father,

LEADER: In the name of the Son,

ALL: In the name of the Son,

LEADER: In the name of the Spirit,

ALL: In the name of the Spirit,

LEADER: We've just begun!

ALL: We've just begun!

First Reading

Isaiah 41:8-10

Psalm 100:1-5

READER: ¹ All around the world, shout with joy to the LORD!

ALL: ² Serve the LORD with gladness.

Come before Him, singing with joy.

READER: ³ Recognize that the LORD is God!

He made us, and so we are His.

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

ALL: ⁴ So, enter His gates with thanksgiving!

Dance into His courts with praise,

thanking Him and glorifying His name.

READER: ⁵ For the LORD is good.

**ALL: His love never fails! His loving acts will last forever,
and we see His loyalty to us in every generation.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:3-8

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

John 8:12

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

Mission Trip 2021 "Stay Local, Serve Local"

♪ Mission Trip Theme Song "Peter Was Rowing Across the Lake"

**Peter was rowing across the lake,
Peter was rowing across the lake,
Jesus was sleeping in the boat while
Peter was rowing across the lake.
Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!
Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!**

**Storms came up and the winds, they blew!
Storms came up and the winds, they blew!
Jesus was sleeping in the boat while
Peter was rowing across the lake.
Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!**

Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!

“What shall we do?!” the disciples cried.

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Jesus was sleeping in the boat while

Peter was rowing across the lake.

Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!

Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!

Jesus awoke and said, “Peace, be still!”

Jesus awoke and said, “Peace, be still!”

Jesus was keeping them afloat while

Peter was rowing across the lake.

Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!

Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!

Peter was rowing across the lake,

Peter was rowing across the lake,

Jesus was sleeping in the boat while

Peter was rowing across the lake.

Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!

Do dodo doot do, do do do. Woo!

♪ Service Song “I’ve Got Peace Like A River”

I’ve got peace like a river,

I’ve got peace like a river,

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul!

I’ve got peace like a river

I’ve got peace like a river

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul!

I’ve got love like an ocean,

I’ve got love like an ocean,

I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul!

I’ve got love like an ocean,

I’ve got love like an ocean,

I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul!

**I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul!
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul!**

♪ Offering Song "Sanctuary"

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.**

**We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee!
We exalt Thee, oh Lord! (*repeat*)**

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 "Blessing Song"

**May the LORD be with you,
And bless you always!
May the LORD be with you, (*Name*),
And bless you every day.**

Sending Song "Pharaoh, Pharaoh"

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, Rich Hillman, Lyndy Holmquist, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Linda Maus, and Rose Thorp.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Wanda Thompson 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 29, 2021

Ecclesiastes 1:2-4, 9-14 1 Corinthians 13:9-13

Psalms 119:81-83, 135-136 Matthew 13:10-13

Sermon Title: “Smoke and Mirrors”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Readers: Mission Trip Youth

Acolyte: Blake Schultz

Ushers: Larry & Deb Adamek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September 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 August is our radio broadcast ministry through KEYL. We are thankful for all of you who are willing to support this with your donations.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 75

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,729.00

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 22nd, 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
September 22nd: See You at the Pole

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. 22nd 9:00 am Mission Trip Worship Service

**Mon. Aug. 23rd 9:30 am Growing Young Meeting
1:00 pm Youth Worship Team Practice**

Tue. Aug. 24th 9:00 am Staff Meeting

**Wed. Aug. 25th 4:00 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Worship Service
7:00 pm Church Night at the Drive-In**

**Sun. Aug. 29th 9:00 am Outdoor Worship Service with
Communion. Potluck Following
Service.**

10:15 am Board of Education Meeting

1:00 pm Norma Fox Celebration of Life

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.