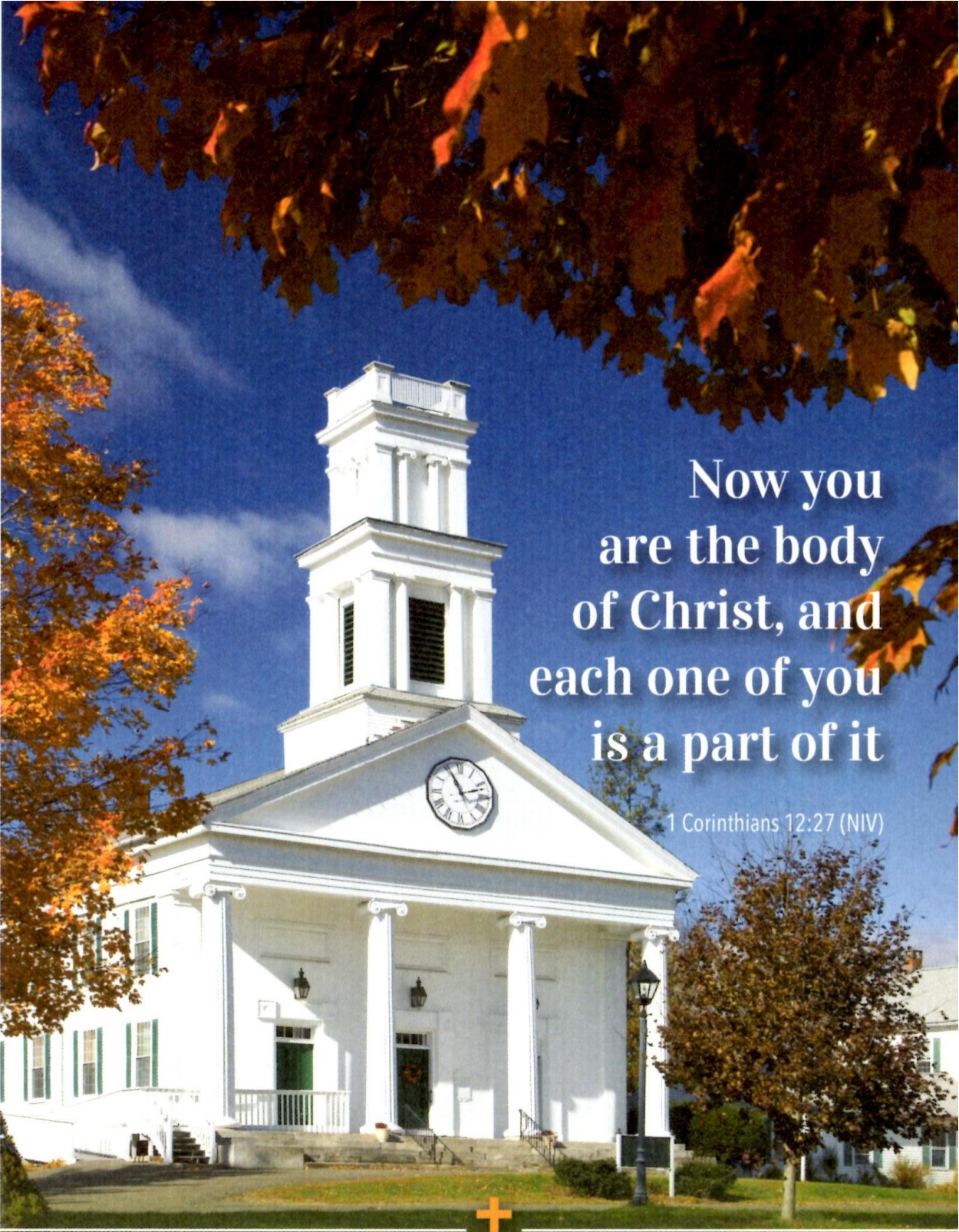


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Now you
are the body
of Christ, and
each one of you
is a part of it

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)



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✦ Please stand as you are able.

Welcome to our Reconciliation Sunday!

Based on traditions first given by God to Moses and the Israelites, this prayer service invites us to reflect on our relationships. We ask ourselves, “How have I treated others? What apologies should I make? Is my pride preventing me from restoring what was broken, tainted, or destroyed?”

Then we pray for courage, knowing the LORD equips us with the impossible skill of forgiveness, the same skill He made possible when He came, lived, died, and miraculously rose again as Jesus Christ.

Today is our Yom Kippur, a day of cleansing and atonement, a day for true reconciliation with both God and each other.

♪ Prelude “Let Freedom Ring”

We prepare for worship.

**Deep within, the heart has always
known that there is freedom,
somehow breathed into the very soul of life.**

**The prisoner, the powerless,
the slave have always known it;
there’s something that keeps reaching for the sky.**

**And even life begins because
a baby fights for freedom
and songs we love to sing have freedom’s theme.**

**Some have walked through fire and flood
to find a place of freedom
and some faced hell itself for freedom’s dream.**

**Let freedom ring wherever minds
know what it means to be in chains;
let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain;
let freedom echo through the lonely streets**

where prisons have no key.

We can be free and we can sing, “Let freedom ring!”

**God built freedom into every
fiber of creation and he meant for us
to all be free and whole;
oh, but when my Lord bought freedom
with the blood of His redemption,
His cross stamped pardon on my very soul!**

**I’ll sing it out with every breath!
I’ll let the whole world hear it;
this hallelujah anthem of the free.**

**That iron bars and heavy chains
can never hold us captive,
the Son has made us free and free indeed!**

**Let freedom ring down through the ages
from a hill called Calvary;
let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain;
let freedom echo through the lonely streets
where prisons have no key.**

You can be free and you can sing, “Let freedom ring!”

**Let freedom echo through the lonely streets
where prisons have no key.**

You can be free and you can sing, “Let freedom ring!” (repeat x 3)

The Shofar Sounds *A ram’s horn signals the beginning of our service.*

Welcome

✦ Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, teach us Your ways. Only You have ever
shown perfect compassion and mercy. LORD God, only You are
slow anger, and only You show unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Help us to let go of our grudges, our idol of self-esteem, and to instead do the difficult work of restoring relationships. Amen!

♪ Opening Song “Great Things”

First Reading

1 Kings 18:17-24

Psalm 40:1-4

READER: 01 I waited patiently for the LORD to help me,
and He turned to me and heard my cry.

**ALL: 02 He lifted me out of the pit of despair,
out of the mud and the mire.**

READER: 03 He has given me a new song to sing,
a hymn of praise to our God!

**ALL: Many will see what He has done and be amazed.
Then they will put their trust in the LORD.**

READER: 04 Oh, the joys of those who trust the LORD...

**ALL: ... they have no confidence in the proud
or in the worship of false gods, of idols.**

Second Reading

1 John 4:1-6a

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 6:24

Commissioning of the Sunday School Volunteers

Sermon “No Contest”

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, quiet our hearts and minds. Encourage us to be honest, embolden us to reflect on our faults and failures, and given us the strength to be vulnerable.

ALL: We have not always done right in our relationships. Our actions have hurt others, and even scarred some.

PASTOR: True healing seems impossible, but God promises to make all things new.

ALL: He forgave all so we could also forgive.

PASTOR: God entered into this corrupted world. As Jesus Christ, He went to the cross to save us from our bent and broken ways. His death there paid the price, the consequence. Jesus Christ truly – miraculously – forgave your every sin. Then, after three days passed, He returned to life to give you a new life, a new start, an eternal life that begins now. And this changes how we live, equipping us so that we may also forgive each other.

♪ Response Songs

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

“I Surrender All”

An Offering of Reconciliation

Based on Matthew 5:21-24

Communal Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

The Sharing of God’s Peace

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing “This is Amazing Grace”

The Shofar Resounds

A ram’s horn signals God’s reconciling power.

Sending Song “This is Amazing Grace”

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, LaRayne Hall and her family, Lyndy Holmquist, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and Dave Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Al & Tami Priebe 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: September 19, 2021

2 Kings 2:23-25

Galatians 6:7-10

Psalms 74:9-12

Matthew 12:22-26, 28, 31-32

Sermon Title: “The Unbearable Sin”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Worship Team

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Madison Browen

Deacon: Deb Fearing



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Care Kit Update - Praise the Lord! We have received donations to complete 125 Baby Care Kits! We will continue to accept more donations. Volunteers are sewing the final items at home so the Sept. 15th work day has been cancelled. Jane Olson is accepting donations to cover the shipping cost, which is \$1.30 per kit.

ALL American Lutheran Church Women are welcome and invited to: Set up for our Baby Care Kit project on Friday September 24 beginning at 9 am in the church choir room. **BABY CARE KIT assembly will be at 9 am SATURDAY**, September 25. The ALCW fall *annual meeting* will follow with potluck lunch at noon. Looking forward to serving along side you and enjoying fellowship!

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!

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: 76

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,381.16

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 8/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$161,630.50

Receipts: \$150,962.49

Actual expenses: \$142,558.80

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

September 12th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

September 15th: Quest Kids Kickoff Carnival!

September 19th: Third graders get bibles at 9AM worship

September 22nd: See You at the Pole

September 22nd: Family Night Suppers begin

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
- 7-12 grade youth events
- Sunday morning Sunday school teachers

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

How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

Kari Christians (320)533-3021

karichristians@yahoo.com

Coming this fall, in partnership with
First Baptist Church:

Quest Kids!

- Bible lessons •
- Music •
- Games •
- Snacks •

Ages 4 years-6th grade

Fall kickoff carnival is
September 15th at 6:00pm

Bring the whole family out
for this fun kickoff to
kids ministry!

Program will be held every
Wednesday from 6-7:30 at the
First Baptist Church.

Any questions? Contact Kari!

CALLING ALL PEOPLE OF GOD!

9.12.2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK AND WE ARE
LOOKING FOR TEACHERS!

**YOU CAN TEACH FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
OR A 3 MONTH PERIOD FOR THE FOLLOWING
AGE GROUPS:**

2 YEARS OLD – KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE – 3RD 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.

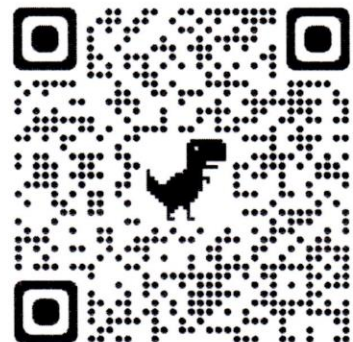
SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
Salt & Light CARE
PACKAGES
MATTHEW 5: 13-16

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A CLASS FROM AGE 2 – 18.
CHILDREN AGES 2 – 3 SHOULD ATTEND WITH AN ADULT.
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH AND WILL
RUN FROM 10:15–11:15AM THROUGH MAY.

WE LOVE OUR ALC KIDS!

CREATE GODLY RELATIONSHIPS AND SIGN UP YOUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT TO RECEIVE CARE PACKAGES
FROM AN ALC MEMBER!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SALT & LIGHT BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE'S CAMERA



Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Sept. 12th** **9:00 am** Worship Service
 10:15 am First Day of Sunday School
 7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting
- Mon. Sept. 13th** **9:30 am** Growing Young Meeting
 6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Sept. 14th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Sept. 15th** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
 5:50 pm Confirmation Class
 6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church
 7:00 pm Choir Practice – Hymn Sing at
 Mt. Carmel
- Sat. Sept. 18th** Marcyes Wedding
- Sun. Sept. 19th** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion and
 Third Grade Bibles
 10:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am Missions Committee 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.