
Trust...

in the living God,
who giveth us richly
all things to enjoy

1 Timothy 6:17

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 "This is My Father's World"

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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, knowing all You have done for us, and knowing all You offer, we can only praise You. Our lives are Yours, now and forever! Amen.

First Reading

2 Kings 2:23-25

Psalm 74:9-12

READER: ⁹ [In this time, O LORD,
we] no longer see Your miraculous signs.

All the prophets are gone,
and no one can tell us when this age will end.

**ALL: ¹⁰ How long, O God,
will You allow our enemies to insult you?**

READER: Will you let them dishonor Your name forever?

**ALL: ¹¹ Why do You hold back Your strong right hand?
Unleash your powerful fist and destroy them!**

READER: ¹² You, O God, are my king from ages past,
and You bring salvation to the earth.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:7-10

✦ 🎵 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 twelfth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

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

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Presentation of New Bibles

Sermon "The Unbearable Sin"

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 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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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

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♪ Communion Hymns

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

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“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (verses 1-4)

#328 LBW

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

#327 LBW

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

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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 “Earth and All Stars”

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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, Larry Alsleben, Marlys Arenson, Olivia Beekman, Rich Hillman, LaRayne Hall and her family, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and Dave and Bev Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Dale & Sue Ellingson in memory of their parents Allen & Rose and Lyman & Mavis. 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 26, 2021

Proverbs 30:4-6 Hebrews 4:12-16

Psalms 119:129-133 John 1:1-4, 14

Sermon Title: “The Word of God”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Brandon Cline

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Reader: Marvin Poegel



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: 77

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,381.84

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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Facebook Page: American Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

September 19th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

September 19th: Presentation of new bibles

September 22nd: See You at the Pole

September 22nd: Family Night Suppers begin

October 16th: Gifts and Talent Showcase

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.

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Happening now, in partnership with
First Baptist Church:

Quest Kids!

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

Ages 4 years-6th grade

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

First Wednesday of every
month is family night!

Any questions? Contact Kari!

Baby Care Kits



ALL American Lutheran Church Women are welcome and invited to help with Baby Care Kits that will be distributed to babies in need by Lutheran World Relief!

Friday, September 24th, 9 a.m. Set up (in Choir Room)

Saturday, September 25th

9 a.m. Assemble and Pack Baby Care Kits (in Choir Room)

11:30 a.m. - ALCW meeting

12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch – The Drama Ministry Mystery folks will be joining us. If you are able, please bring extra to share!

JANE OLSON WILL ACCEPT YOUR DONATIONS FOR SHIPPING.

If you have any questions please call Jane Olson (732-6895) or Marlyne Klinder (320-852-7478) or Sue Kaneski (956-272-3456). **Thank you!**

Thrivent has approved this Action Team Project! Come Volunteer and receive a “Live Generously” Thrivent t-shirt!

The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

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

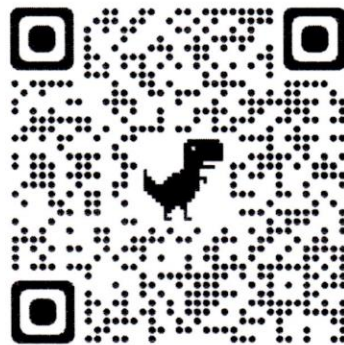
MATTHEW 5: 13-16

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. 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
- Mon. Sept. 20th** **6:30 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study
- Tue. Sept. 21st** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Sept. 22nd** **7:00 am** See You at the Pole
10:00 am Shoebox Work Day
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Fri. Sept. 24th** Mystery Retreat
9:00 am ALCW Baby Care Kit Project Assembly
- Sat. Sept. 25th** Mystery Retreat
9:00 am ALCW Baby Care Kit Project Assembly
11:30 am ALCW Fall Meeting
12:00 pm ALCW Potluck Lunch
- Sun. Sept. 26th** Mystery Retreat
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
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.