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A wooden flower cart filled with autumn flowers and pumpkins. The cart is overflowing with large, round mounds of flowers in various colors including yellow, orange, red, purple, and white. Several pumpkins are scattered throughout the arrangement. The cart is positioned in front of a rustic wooden building with a window. The overall scene is vibrant and festive, capturing the essence of fall.

*Ponder anew what
the Almighty can do*



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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 "For All the Saints" (verses 1-4)

#174 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: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

ALL: LORD God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, LORD God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, bring us together. We naturally divide from other people, and we are always willing to resent and separate from them. When we would push our own agenda, help us instead to see Your view, to come together in Your perfect love. Teach us to forgive, to grow, and to know true and heavenly unity. Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 11:26-32

Psalm 145:8-13

READER: 08 The LORD is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

ALL: 09 The LORD is good to everyone.

He showers compassion on all His creation.

READER: 10 All of Your works will thank You, LORD,
and Your faithful followers will praise You.

**ALL: 11 They will speak of the glory of Your Kingdom;
they will give examples of Your power.**

READER: 12 They will tell about Your mighty deeds
and about the majesty and glory of Your reign.

**ALL: 13 For Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
You rule throughout all generations!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

✦ 🎵 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 Luke, the ninth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Luke 9:51-56

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Division"

✦ 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 "Bind Us Together"

#748 WOV

✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Words of Institution

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♪ Communion Hymns

"The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1-4)

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"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

#381 LBW

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

#433 LBW

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

ALL: ...hear our 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.**

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross"

#377 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, Rich Hillman, LaRayne Hall and her family, 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 Lee & Deb Fearing 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 12, 2021

1 Kings 18:17-24 1 John 4:1-6a

Psalms 40:1-4 Matthew 6:24

Sermon Title: “No Contest”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Acolyte: Charles Berscheid

Ushers: Larry & Deb Adamek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Care Kits Update – about 40 girl and boy shirts sizes 6 – 24 months are still needed. Will 28 families each bring 4 bars of 4 oz or 6 bars of 3 oz. mild bar soap in original wrappers? Do you have men's large or extra large t-shirts, 50% - 100% cotton that you'd like to donate? Any size flannel sheets are also welcome! Join us September 7th beginning at 9 a.m. if you'd like to help with cutting and sewing Baby Care Kit items! Thrivent t-shirts will be available for volunteers!

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.

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 two weeks: 164

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,275.00

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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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

September 5th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

September 12th: First Day of Sunday School

September 15th: Quest Kids Kickoff!

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

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Coming this fall, in partnership with
First Baptist Church:

Quest Kids!

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

Ages 4 years-6th grade

Fall kickoff event 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. 5th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Tue. Sept. 7th 9:00 am Staff Meeting
9:00 am Baby Care Kits Work Day
7:30 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Sept. 8th 9:30 am Esther Circle
10:00 am Shoebox Work Day
4:00 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sat. Sept. 11th 9:00 am Fligge Baptism
10:00 am Great American Church Bake Off

Sun. Sept. 12th 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am First Day of Sunday School
5:30 pm Youth & Family 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.