

*As the Father has sent me,
I am sending you.*

John 20:21(NIV)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Father, I Adore You”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we are so busy. There are more and more opportunities available to us every day, and some are good, but many are a waste of our limited time.

ALL: We’re being pulled in every direction, and it all seems important. But when we stop, pause, and think, we find a lot of clutter in our lives.

PASTOR: We are distracted, and our priorities are messy.

ALL: Help us sort what is needed from what is not. By Your Holy Spirit, show us how to find time, make time, and set aside time for the people and moments that truly matter.

PASTOR: When God came to live as Jesus Christ, His time was limited. Even so, He dedicated every day to the miracle of restoring our lives. His teaching and actions show us what is right and good, His death forgives our failures, and God’s return to life three days later is a promise of the new and never-ending life He has given you. And that is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, thank You for this time. You have invited us to join You here and now, to hear You speak, and to respond. Help us to know the value of that conversation, to truly treasure this moment with You. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “God of Wonders”

First Reading

2 Chronicles 30:1, 13-14, 21, 23, 26-27

Psalm 51:1-5, 10-13

READER: 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
with Your unfailing love.

**ALL: In Your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.**

READER: 02 Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.

**ALL: 03 Because I do recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.**

READER: 4 Against You, and You alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in Your sight.

**ALL: 03 You will be proved right in what You say,
and Your judgment against me is just.**

READER: 5 For I was born a sinner –
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

**ALL: 10 But create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

READER: 11 Do not banish me from Your presence,
and don't take Your Holy Spirit from me.

**ALL: 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and make me willing to obey You.**

READER: 13 Then I will teach Your ways to rebels,
and they will also return to You.

Second Reading

James 4:8-10

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

John 14:1-6

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.

Baby Care Kit Blessing

Sermon “Nearer, My God, to Thee”

♪ Our Offering of Worship
“In Christ Alone”

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 “Marvelous Light”

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, Lee Fearing, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Jane Olson, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, Tom Wieggers, and the family of Evelyn Kratzner.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Bob & Tammie Chapin in memory of their parents. 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: October 17, 2021

Hosea 1:2-3a

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

Psalms 106:36-38a, 39b-43

Luke 7:36-50

Sermon Title: “Unfaithful”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Worship Team

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Logan Thom

Deacon: Janet Katterhagen

Reader: Betty Oliver



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October 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 October...is Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 74

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,467.00

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

October 10th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

October 16th: Gifts and Talent Showcase

October 20th: No confirmation/Quest Kids (MEA)

October 24th: No Sunday School (MEA)

October 31st: Confirmation Service

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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Gifts & Talents Showcase!

Saturday, October 16th
6:00pm

American Lutheran Church

Join us for dinner and a show! Free-will offering will go towards youth ministries and to the winner of the talent showcase!



Do you have a talent you'd like to share? Please contact the church office or Kari Christians to sign up, or add your name to the list in the narthex!

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

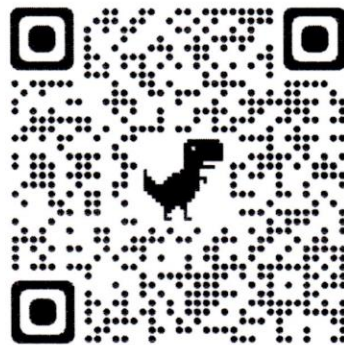
MATTHEW 5: 13-16

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. Oct. 10th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Dedication of Baby Care Kits and Pillowcase Dresses and Shorts**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting
- Mon. Oct. 11th** **6:30 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Oct. 12th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Oct. 13th** **9:30 am** Esther Circle
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Sat. Oct. 16th** **6:00 pm** **Gifts & Talents Showcase**
- Sun. Oct. 17th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
11:15 am Board of Education Meeting
11:30 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.