



*I will be glad and  
rejoice in thy mercy*

Psalm 31:7

*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.

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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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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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, You chose us to be Your people. You offered us true and never-ending love, but we haven't always been faithful. Knowing You continue to repair that relationship, for us, help us to live for You, both now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

*Hosea 1:2-3a*

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

READER: <sup>36</sup> [The people of Israel] worshiped idols and other false gods, which led to their downfall.

**ALL: <sup>37</sup> They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons!**

READER: <sup>38a</sup> They shed innocent blood, <sup>39b</sup> defiling themselves with such evil deeds, and their love of idols was adultery in the LORD's sight.

**ALL: <sup>40</sup> That is why the LORD's anger burned against His people.**

**He was horrified by those who had been His own special possession.**

READER: <sup>41</sup> He then handed them over to the pagan nations, and they were ruled by those who hated them.

**ALL: <sup>42</sup> Their enemies crushed them and brought them under cruel power.**

READER: <sup>43</sup> Again and again God rescued them, but they continued choosing to rebel against Him.

Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 6:15-20*

✦ 🎵 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 seventh chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

*Luke 7:36-50*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Special Music

The Sunday School Kids Choir

Sermon "Unfaithful"

✦ 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 "Faith of Our Fathers"

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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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”	#212 LBW
“For the Beauty of the Earth”	#561 LBW
“Lift High the Cross”	#377 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 “On Our Way Rejoicing”

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Postlude

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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**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, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, Theresa Wiegers, and Tom Wiegers.

**Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by the Variables Family Night Supper group. 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 24, 2021**

Isaiah 39:5-8, 40:1-5                      Revelation 16:17b-20

Psalms 139:7-10                              Luke 3:3-6, 15-18

Sermon Title: “Level Ground”

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Melba Granlund

Acolyte: Caden Schultz

Reader: Marvin Poegel

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder

Deacon: Janet Katterhagen

Ushers: Sy & Janie Thole



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**American Lutheran Church is hosting Quest Family Night on November 3<sup>rd</sup>** for a 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Family Night Supper and a 6:30 p.m. Shoebox Packing Party!

**The November issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread** are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – is All Saints Sunday** – in our worship service we will be remembering immediate family members who have died since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If you have someone whom you would like to be remembered, please write their names on the designated list on the easel in the narthex.

**Attention all Veterans...**we be honoring our veterans on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>. All veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms to worship that day. Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Help! We need people to help usher on Sunday mornings.** Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you!

**OCC SHOEBOXES: Once more** we thank everyone who is supporting our Shoebox project in so many ways. First: If you have not already heard, our Spud Supper was a wonderful success in SO many ways. It was a great evening of fellowship with ALC members, “brothers and sisters” from several other churches/Bible camp, community friends and even from communities over 60 miles from us! A generous free will offering was given.

**However, yes,** right now, our greatest need IS \$\$\$ to cover the shipping/education/Greatest Journey cost. Donations of cash or checks are WELCOME. We have Shoebox envelopes in the back of the sanctuary or on our table in the narthex for your ease in designating your gift. You



may make checks to Samaritan's Purse (will not be sent to OCC until the last part of November) or to ALCW/notated "Shoebox." Donations may be placed in offering plates or given to Blanche Tirk, Helen Monson or Jane Olson. These donations will determine how many boxes we pack - - - 400 – 450 – or 500 - TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

IN ANSWER TO MANY INQUIRIES – we are having one more **Shoebox FUN/WORK Day! This coming Wednesday, October 20, beginning at 10 AM**, continuing until there is not another item or box to be unwrapped, wrapped, combined, folded, put together, taken apart AND counted! **EVERYONE** is welcome to help. The better organized we are after this day, the smoother **packing will be on November 7 and 8.**

## **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](mailto: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: 84

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,394.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 9/30/21:

Budgeted needs: \$180,451.26

Receipts: \$168,600.54

Actual expenses: \$157,162.59

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

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# YOUTH & FAMILY

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October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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SAVE  
THE  
DATE

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

October 24<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday School (MEA)

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Confirmation Service

November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Quest Family Night at ALC

## QUEST FAMILY NIGHT!

Our next Quest Kids Family Night will be held at ALC on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!

We are hosting a Thanksgiving Meal that evening at **6:00pm**, followed by shoebox packing from 6:30-7:30!

We are very excited to host this fun night with friends from First Baptist and spread the love of Jesus through fellowship and Operation Christmas Child. Make plans to attend the family night supper and assist with shoeboxes! Talk with Kari or Blanche for more details!

*How's life? Want to talk about it?*

*Feel free to contact me.*

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## CORNERSTONE PINES EVENT

NOVEMBER 6, 2021

1:00-5:00PM

YOUTH IN GRADES 3-6

Come out to Cornerstone Pines and help decorate for Christmas! Kids in grades 3-6 are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of decorating at Cornerstone Pines for the upcoming Christmas season.

Sign up on the Y&F board!

**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. 17<sup>th</sup>**    **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

**Tue. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**    **9:00 am** Staff Meeting

**Wed. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** **10:00 am** Shoebox Workday  
**11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due

**Fri. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sun. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** Fall Fire at Camp Lebanon for  
Grades 9-12

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**10:15 am** Sunday School  
**10:15 am** What About ?” Adult Bible Study

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.