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**IT IS GOOD
TO REFLECT
ON GOD'S
HOLINESS**

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Sanctuary”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, part of us still remembers the paradise in the Garden of Eden. We were created and placed there to live forever with You.

ALL: You created us without sin, without suffering, but now we know those evils. And we have participated in them, bringing more sin and suffering into the world.

PASTOR: This is why our hope to return to Your heavenly Paradise seems impossible.

ALL: And we can’t create that perfect and never-ending life here. Again and again, we have tried and failed, and it has always created more problems.

PASTOR: God came to us to restore all good things. As Jesus Christ, He brought Heaven to this broken world. His death on the cross was the sacrifice needed to forgive sins, and His return to life returns the promise of eternal life to you, to all who know and follow Him. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, You alone can lift us up when we are down, but You also topple our pride when we elevate ourselves. Help us to know the balanced life, the good and right life that You offer. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Are You Washed in the Blood”

First Reading

Isaiah 39:5-8, 40:1-5

Psalm 139:7-10

READER: ⁷ O LORD, I can never escape Your Spirit!

I can never get away from Your presence!

**ALL: ⁸ If I go up to Heaven, You are there;
if I go down to the Grave, there You are!**

READER: ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning,
and if I dwell by the farthest oceans...

**ALL: ¹⁰ ... even there Your hand will guide me,
and Your strength will support me.**

Second Reading

Revelation 16:17b-20

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Luke 3:3-6, 15-18

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.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Level Ground"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"Ancient Words"

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 "Days of Elijah"

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, Lee Fearing, Stephanie James, Dennis Kaneski, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Jane Olson, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and Tom Wiegers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Stan & Joanne Hillman in honor of their wedding anniversary. 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 31, 2021

Isaiah 58:11-12

Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17

Psalms 73:1-5, 13-14, 21-26

John 16:33

Sermon Title: “Who[se] are You?””

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Worship Team

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Addison Young

Deacon: Kirk Olson

Reader: Jane Olson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

It's that time of year again...not pumpkins but Daily Text time to order 2022! This resource is a wonderful way to read through the Bible in a year, reading from both Old and New Testaments. Using the Daily Text connects you to readers who are also reading the daily readings and prayers. See poster for further details or ask kbakewicz@gmail.com

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

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

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: 76

General Fund receipts for last week: \$1,671.00

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

YOUTH & FAMILY

October 24th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

October 24th: No Sunday School (MEA)
October 31st: Confirmation Service
November 3rd: Quest Family Night at ALC
November 6th: Cornerstone Pines Event

QUEST FAMILY NIGHT!

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

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. 24th 9:00 am Worship Service**
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
- Tue. Oct. 26th 9:00 am** Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting
- Wed. Oct. 27th 5:30 pm** Family Night Supper
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Deacon Meeting
- Sun. Oct. 31st 9:00 am** Confirmation Worship Service with
Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Trunk or Treat at First Baptist

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.