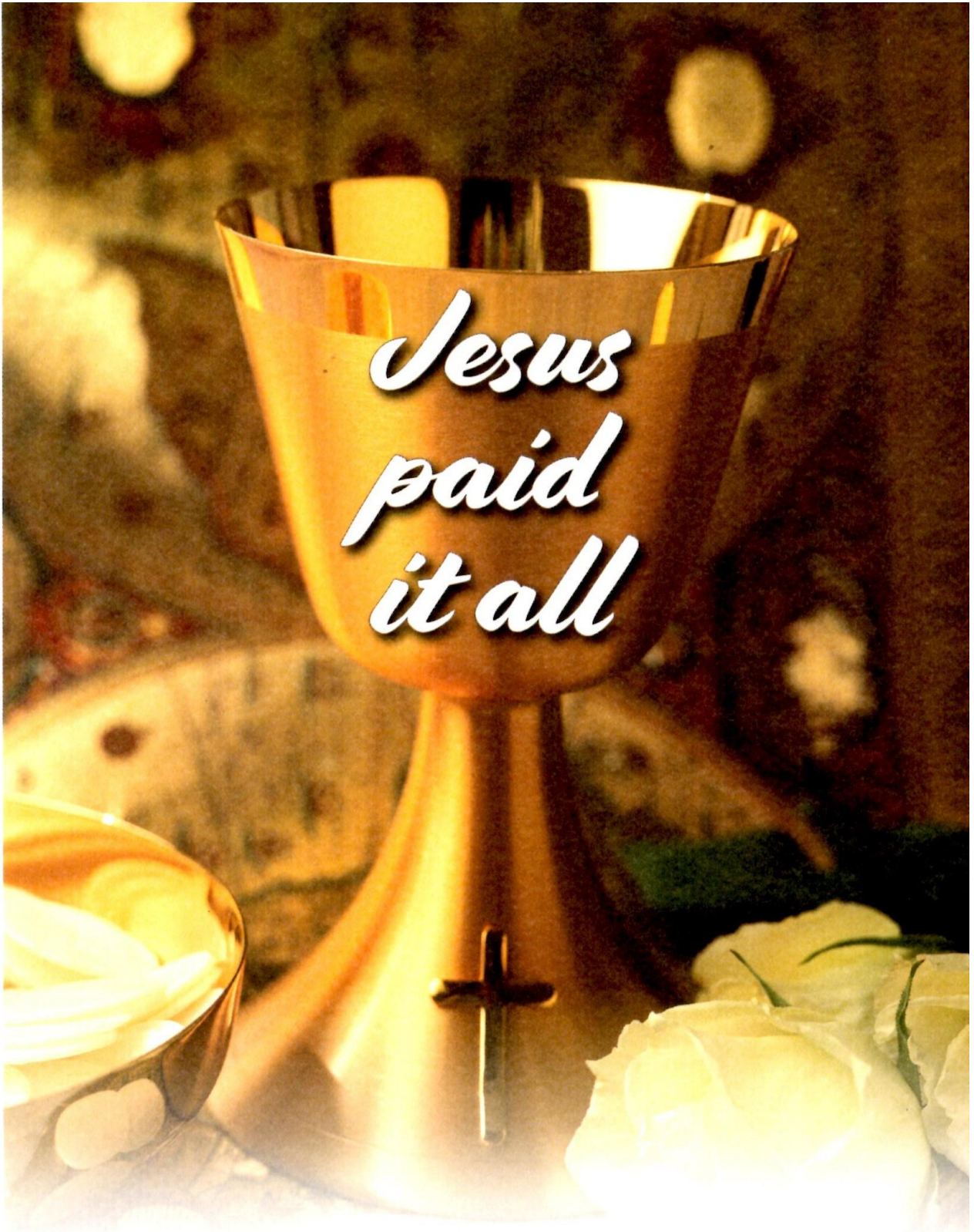


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✦ Please stand as you are able. WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.

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 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

#407 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, we pray to know the power of Your Word today. Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit to hear, to truly listen to You, and to take Your Word seriously in our own lives. May it begin an honest transformation in each of us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

First Reading

Amos 2:6-7, 8b, 10-13

Psalm 1:1-3

READER: ¹ Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked...

ALL: ... or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

READER: ² But they delight in the Law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

ALL: ⁰³ They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

READER: Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Special Music “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” The Church Choir

Second Reading

Acts 2:14-21

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

Page 62 LBW

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 seventh chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Matthew 7:15-20

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "A Prophet Out Standing in His Field"

✦ The Apostles Creed

Page 65 LBW

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 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

#362 LBW

✦ ♪ The Offering Response

Page 75 LBW

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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#771 WOV

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

#760 WOV

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

#759 WOV

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 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

#261 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, Larry Alsleben, Marlys Arenson, Lee Fearing, Lyndy Holmquist, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Lyle Lubbers, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, Tom Wiegers, and the family of Evelyn Kratzner.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Barb Orr in memory of Tommy Orr. 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 10, 2021

2 Chronicles 30:1, 13-14, 21, 23, 26-27 James 4:8-10

Psalms 51:1-5, 10-13 John 14:1-6

Sermon Title: “Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Pianist: Melba Granlund

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Evan Flan

Deacon: Janet Katterhagen

Reader: Janet Katterhagen

Ushers: The Ellingson family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

S-S-S-S-Sarah 'S'ircle Spud Supper reminder! Please be sure you have the **Sarah 'S'ircle Super Spud Supper (with SLATHERINGS)** on your October calendar – October 6! Serving will be the same as a regular Wednesday night suppers. All proceeds go toward our Shoebox project. Your generosity is greatly needed!

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!

If you are the person who is maintaining the library, please see Pastor Ethan about ideas he has for the library.

ALCW Projects

Baby Care Kits - Praise the Lord!! Many generous ALCW women volunteered September 24th & 25th to pack 140 Baby Care Kits that will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated items, money, and their time. Special thanks to Marlyne Klinder for sewing the 560 cloth diapers for the kits. They will be dedicated at the October 10th 9 a.m. service. Thanks also to Bob & Tammy Chapin for delivering the 19 boxes for delivery to LWR.

Pillowcase Dresses and Shorts – Approximately 286 dresses (sewn mostly by Betty Meyer) and 20 shorts (sewn mostly by Marlyne Klinder) and panties will be distributed in Texas and Mexico by Net Menders. Many thanks to all who helped with this project! They will also be dedicated on October 10th.

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: 89

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,240.05

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 3rd, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

October 6th: Quest Kids Family Night Pumpkin Painting/Carving!

October 16th: Gifts and Talent Showcase

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

October 24th: No Sunday School (MEA)

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

karichristians@yahoo.com

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.



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. 3rd **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study

Mon. Oct. 4th **5:30 pm** Audio/Visual Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice

Tue. Oct. 5th **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
7:30 pm Trustee Meeting

Wed. Oct. 6th **5:30 pm Family Night Spud Supper for**
Christmas Shoeboxes
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church with
Pumpkin Painting and Carving
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri. Oct. 8th & Sat. Oct. 9th Overflow Conference in Wilmar

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

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.