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**BE ON YOUR  
GUARD;  
STAND FIRM  
IN THE  
FAITH**

1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

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♪ Prelude “How Great is Our God”

*We prepare for worship.*

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

LEADER: LORD God, we have seen the blessings of this life. Your vision for this world was one of perfection, of us gathering to be with You in Paradise forever. Yet, in our rebellion, we disrupt Your plan, bending and twisting this world into a cursed place.

**ALL: We choose brokenness over completion, darkness over light, evil over good, and so we choose death over life. Every day, we all make the lesser decisions, and they pile up together. Our mound of choices festers, polluting us and the world around us.**

LEADER: God also made a choice. Though we continue to push back against His goodness, He came to live among us. As Jesus Christ, He lived the perfect life we never could. Then, despite His wholly good perfection, He allowed Himself to be killed like the worst of all criminals.

**ALL: And our faults and failures died with Him on the cross.**

LEADER: After three days, Jesus rose again from the dead. This miracle was for you, to give you a new and forgiven life in God’s heavenly Kingdom now and forever! That is why we worship Him today.

Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, we are Your creations, but we have become flawed. Reshape us. Like clay, mold us in a way that is pleasing to You, re-creating each of us until we once again serve as fine examples of Your masterful work. Amen!**

♪ Opening Song “Way Maker”



First Reading

*Jeremiah 18:1-6, 11-12*

Psalm 139:13-17

READER: <sup>13</sup> O LORD, You made all the delicate,  
inner parts of my body.

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

**ALL: <sup>14</sup> Thank You for making me,**

**for shaping me with wonderful complexity!**

**Your workmanship is marvelous – how well I know it.**

READER: <sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed.

You saw me in that place of utter seclusion,

as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

**ALL: <sup>16</sup> You saw me before I was born.**

**Every day of my life was recorded in your book.**

READER: Every moment was laid out

before a single day had passed.

**ALL: <sup>17</sup> How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.**

**They cannot be numbered!**

Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:5-7*

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

*John 3:3-6*

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.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Chaplain David Greaver

♪ Our Offering of Worship  
"Hope Has a Name"

Prayers of the People

LEADER: 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 "My Lighthouse"

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, Marlys Arenson, Lee Fearing, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and Tom Wiegers.

**Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast** of our worship service is sponsored by Pearl Kramer in memory of her father, Ferdinand Heinz. 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: November 21, 2021**

Jeremiah 29:11-13                  Romans 8:28-30

Psalms 143:7-10                  Matthew 6:7-13

Sermon by Chaplain David Greaver

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Music: Youth Worship Team

Acolyte: MacKenzie Johnson

Reader: Deb Adamek



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**From Trustees, if there are any changes in your committee's budget, please notify the trustees ASAP. We need to work on that VERY soon.**

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

**Mama Marla's Hike-It or Bike-It Sign-Up Sheets are on the easel in the narthex. Sign up to purchase gifts for children in Todd County that are less fortunate.**

**Today is the day!!! Deadline for ordering your copy of *Daily Text 2022!* See poster for details....**

**The November 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!

**REMINDER, for record keeping purposes as per our ALC constitution:** Please fill out a communion card once each year. The cards are found in the racks in the pews. Filled out cards can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. **THANK YOU!**

**From the Nominating Committee, if you are asked to serve in one of our church's elected positions** (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Deacon, Trustee, Youth & Family committee, Board of Education, etc.) please pray about it and ask for the Lord's guidance.

## **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 November.....**is Dan & Nancy Butkowski with CRU.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 61

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,955.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,617.37

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 10/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$203,586.16

Receipts: \$188,088.54

Actual expenses: \$176,622.63

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# YOUTH & FAMILY

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November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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SAVE  
THE  
DATE

November 17<sup>th</sup>: Quest Kids at First Baptist  
November 21<sup>st</sup>: Mission Trip Interest Meeting  
November 24<sup>th</sup>: No Quest Kids due to Thanksgiving Holiday  
November 28<sup>th</sup>: Church Family Advent Festival



## Church Family Advent Festival

**November 28 at 10:15**

**Stay after worship to help decorate the church for Advent!**

**Bring something to share for a potluck meal at noon.**

provision forgiveness acceptance  
joy strength victory peace family  
grace **Give thanks** prosperity  
mercy **to the Lord** blessings  
unconditional love blessings wisdom healing  
every good and perfect gift anointing

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

*Feel free to contact me.*

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### *Mission Trip Interest Meeting*

We will have a brief mission trip interest meeting after worship on November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet in the basement. Bring a parent and your questions!

This trip would be for current 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and would take place summer of 2022.

**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.

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am **Worship Service**  
10:15 am **Sunday School**  
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study  
11:15 am Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting
- Mon. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off
- Tue. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Staff Meeting  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off
- Wed. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 am Newsletter Articles Due  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off  
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**  
5:50 pm Confirmation Class  
6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church  
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Thu. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off
- Fri. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm Shoebox Drop-Off
- Sat. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off
- Sun. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>** 9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**  
10:15 am **Sunday School**  
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am – 2:00 pm Shoebox Drop-Off

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.