



**“L**et them give thanks  
to the Lord for His unfailing love  
and His wonderful deeds for men,  
for He satisfies the thirsty and  
fills the hungry with good things.”

## **AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**215 9<sup>th</sup> St SE; Long Prairie, Minnesota**

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**Ethan Fearing, Pastor**

**Kari Christians, Youth & Family/Music Ministry Coordinator**

✦ 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, we have so much for which we can be thankful. It's a shame that we only dedicate this one day to gratitude, but even now, we fail to reflect on the true bounty of blessings we continue to experience.

**ALL: We take our lives for granted.**

PASTOR: Do we honor the good gifts the LORD God has given us?

**ALL: Not usually, no.**

PASTOR: This is an opportunity for change. We have gathered for thanksgiving, so let's pause. Let's reflect. Let's see the perfect goodness God is working in our lives despite the chaos and ruin of the world around us. How is God blessing you today, and what has He done for your yesterday and tomorrow?

*Silence for personal reflection.*

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

**ALL: ...You came in person to give us the greatest gifts. As Jesus Christ, You lived, suffered, died, and rose again. That miracle forgives sins, delivering Your people from eternal death, giving them a new and eternal life.**

*Announcement of forgiveness.*

♪ Opening Hymn "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

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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.**

## Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Heavenly Father, we thank You tonight for every good thing. We count our blessings, knowing that some have been overlooked. Help us to see, to know, and to cherish, to truly give You thanks for this life and every opportunity it offers. Guide us by Your Spirit, so we would live in gratitude, and show us how we might best share our gifts with those who need them. We pray all of this in the holy Name of Jesus Christ. Amen!**

## First Reading

*Habakkuk 1:1-5*

## Psalm 46:1-3, 8-10

READER: <sup>01</sup> God is our refuge and strength;

He is always ready to help in times of trouble!

**ALL: <sup>02</sup> We know this, and so we will not be afraid –  
even when earthquakes come  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

READER: <sup>03</sup> Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

*Selah, a reflective pause.*

READER: <sup>08</sup> Come, see the glorious works of the LORD:

See how He brings calculated destruction upon the world.

**ALL: <sup>09</sup> He causes wars to end throughout the earth.**

**He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;**

**He burns the shields with fire.**

READER: <sup>10</sup> [But this is what we hear:]

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I will be honored by every nation.

I will be honored throughout the world.”

## Second Reading

*Romans 12:19-21*

Special Music “Our Many Hymns of Thanks”

The Church Choir

The Gospel, God’s Good News

*Luke 18:1-8*

✦ 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.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon “You Wouldn’t Believe It”

✦ 🎵 Hymn of the Day “Praise and Thanksgiving”

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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 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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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 Deb Adamek, Marlys Arenson, Lee Fearing, Stephanie James, Eugene Holmquist, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, and Tom Wieggers.

**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 Jody Ellingson, Head Usher, with any questions.

### **Bible Readings for Sunday, November 28, 2020:**

Jeremiah 50:17-20            1 Peter 5:12-14

Psalm 137:1-4, 7-8        Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Title: "Returning the Favor"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Deacon: Larry Adamek

Ushers: The Ellingson Family

Music: Worship Team

Acolyte: Mason Ellingson

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.

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

**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. If you are interested in serving, please contact Blanche Tirk, Betty Oliver or Jammie Hedlund.

## **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: 106

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,760.00

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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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook



## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am **Worship Service**  
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am **Church Family Advent Festival**  
11:15 am Missions Committee Meeting  
12:00 pm **Potluck Dinner**
- Mon. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Youth & Family Committee Meeting
- Wed. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** 5:30 pm **Family Night Supper – Mission Trip Fundraiser**  
5:50 pm Confirmation Class  
6:00 pm Quest Kids Family Night at Baptist Church  
6:30 pm Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Deacon Meeting
- Sun. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am **Worship Service with Communion**  
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am – 11:30 am Sunday School

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.