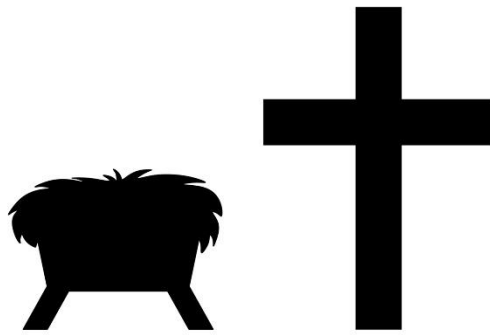


fear not!

GOD GAVE US THE WAY IN A MANGER



Merry Christmas

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH - L.C.M.C.

Pastor Ethan Fearing (320) 874-0104
Kari Christians, Youth & Family / Music Ministry Coordinator

215 9th Street SE, Long Prairie, MN 56347
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CHRISTMAS EVE – CAROLING WORSHIP SERVICE 4:00 p.m.

✦ Please stand as you are able.

*Merry Christmas! It is such a joy to be in worship with you tonight.
Please browse the carols song packet so you can request your favorites!*

♪ Prelude Music

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Addie Ellingson

“O Holy Night”

Mason Ellingson

✦ The Sharing of God’s Peace

Christmas Eve Prayer – Robert Louis Stevenson

ALL: Loving Heavenly Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus Christ, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May Christmas morning make us happy to be Your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

♪ Carol Request

First Reading

Revelation 12:1-6a

Second Reading

Luke 1:26b-35, 37-38

♪ Carol Request

Third Reading

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:8-16

✦ ♪ Carol Request

Fifth Reading
Sixth Reading

Luke 2:17-20
Matthew 2:1-8, 9-15

Sermon “Fear Not”

Offering of Worship “What Child Shall Come”

The Church Choir

♪ Carol Requests

✦ Christmas Eve Prayers Accompaniment by Mason Ellingson

PASTOR: LORD, on this holy night...

ALL: ...**ble**ss us with peace.

Benediction

A festive blessing.

♪ A Closing Carol “Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

REFRAIN: **Go, tell it on the mountain**

Over the hills and everywhere

Go, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching

O’er silent flocks by night

Behold throughout the heavens

There shone a Holy light (*sing the REFRAIN*)

The shepherds feared and trembled

When, lo! Above the Earth

Rang out the angel chorus

That hailed our Savior’s birth (*sing the REFRAIN*)

Down in a lowly manger

Our humble Christ was born

And brought us all salvation

That blessed Christmas morn (*sing the REFRAIN*)

Postlude “Carol of the Bells”

Addie Ellingson

We leave in peace, ready to share the good news of Jesus!



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, Brian Alnes, Marlys Arenson, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, JoAnn Schrader, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Jerry Pachan.

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 & Teresa Pachan, Head Ushers, with any questions.

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Music: Worship Team
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Addison Young
Deacon: Kirk Olson & Jon Fevig	Reader: Kirk Olson
Ushers: The Young Family	

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All boards and committees are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by December 31st. Thank you!

The January 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. 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 December is.....Kidstown International.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 122

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,966.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,584.67

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 11/30/21:

Budgeted needs: \$222,093.92

Receipts: \$203,653.54

Actual expenses: \$193,233.30

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook



CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATIONS AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

CAROLING WORSHIP SERVICE

December 24 • 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate by sipping cocoa and requesting your favorite Christmas carols!

Hear about the birth of Jesus Christ from a surprising source.

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

December 24 • 6:00 p.m.

Sing treasured Advent and Christmas hymns after the sun sets.

Find comfort in a common phrase from the very first Christmas: "Fear not."

CLASSIC WORSHIP SERVICE

December 25 • 10:00 a.m.

Join us for traditional holiday hymns and a message about God's Light.

Stay and enjoy dinner! 2021 marks two decades of Meals, Mugs, & Mittens.



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**American Lutheran Church
20th Annual Christmas Day**

Meals, Mugs & Mittens

Dinner: Serving at 11:30

Turkey & Dressing

Ham

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans

Sweet Potatoes

Cranberries

Dinner Rolls

Relishes

Angel Food Cake w/Strawberries
and Whipped Cream

Coffee & Milk

Serving at 11:00

Hot chocolate/ Hot Apple Cider

Christmas Day Service starting at 10:00

215 9th St. SE Long Prairie



Are you looking for a fun way for your child to learn about Jesus?

Join us on Sundays starting January 9th, 2022 from 10:15 am - 11:15am for an all new Sunday school program!

How is this different from Sunday school now? We will have all new:

GAMES

Crafts

Music

Bible Lessons

All while we grow our relationship with Jesus!!!!

Come see what all the excitement is about... and bring a friend!

Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Dec. 26th 9:00 am Worship Service

Mon. Dec. 27th Church Office Closed

Tue. Dec. 28th 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Sun. Jan. 2nd 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
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.