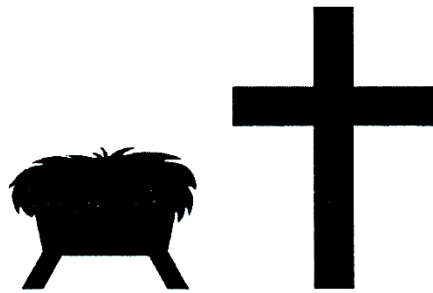


fear not!

GOD GAVE US THE WAY IN A MANGER



Merry Christmas

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

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Kari Christians, Youth & Family / Music Ministry Coordinator

215 9th Street SE, Long Prairie, MN 56347
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CHRISTMAS EVE – CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

✦ 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.

✦ The Sharing of God's Peace

Greeting

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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.

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.

♪ Opening Hymn “Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”

#034 LBW

First Reading

Revelation 12:1-6a

Second Reading

Luke 1:26b-35, 37-38

Arrival Hymn “From Heaven Above” (verses 1-4)

#051 LBW

Third Reading

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:8-16

✦ ♪ Celebratory Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#060 LBW

Fifth Reading
Sixth Reading

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

♪ Lullaby Hymn “Away in a Manger”

#067 LBW

Sermon “Fear Not”

Offering of Worship

Jim Flan

✦ Prayers by Candlelight

PASTOR: LORD, on this holy night...

ALL: ...bless us with peace.

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 festive blessing.

♪ Closing Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night”

#065 LBW

Postlude

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

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, Brian Alnes, Marlys Arenson, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, JoAnn Schrader, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, 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

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Evan Flan

Ushers: Larry & Deb Adamek

Reader: Deb Adamek

Deacons: Kirk Olson & Jon Fevig



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.