



**Christ  
Jesus  
came  
into  
the  
world  
to save  
sinners**

1 Timothy 1:15

*American Lutheran Church (ALC)*  
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*The American Lutheran Church Sunday School Students Present*

# **Miracle in the Manger**

December 19, 2021 – The Fourth Sunday in Advent

**“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”** (*Sung by congregation as children enter*)

Lyrics by John Francis Wade

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem:  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

*Refrain:*

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest!

*Refrain*

3. All Hail! Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
O Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

**Pastor:** Announcements

**Special Music:**

Mason Ellingson (saxophone) and Kari Christians (piano) “O Holy Night”

Addie Ellingson (piano) “Carol of the Bells”

Mason Ellingson (piano) “Angels We Have Heard on High”

## Opening Bible Reading

**Opening Prayer** (Addie): Thank you, heavenly Father, for gathering us today. We've come to celebrate the miracle of your grace and love—a love so great that you sent your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior! Lead us to a sense of wonder and awe as we recall the miracles of the first Christmas, and help us want to share the Good News of Christ's birth with everyone.

**All:** Amen.

## Christmas Message Presented by the Children

The Christmas Miracles

### **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

*(Congregational Song- Please remain seated)*

Translated by John Mason Neale

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, our Lord and Savior, come and stay,  
Reside within our hearts this Christmas Day.  
Come as the greatest miracle to be  
Our Savior-King! We worship thee!

*Refrain*

**Youth Choir:**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“Away in a Manger”

“Miracle in the Manger”

*(Sung by Olivia Christians and Adeline Ellingson)*

**Congregational Song (Please Stand):**

“Hark the Herald Angels sing”

1. Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King
2. Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

**Pastor:** Closing

**Closing Prayer (Dawson):** Thank you, heavenly Father, for the miraculous gift of your Son, our Savior. We praise you and rejoice in the miracles of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life, made possible in Jesus. Fill our hearts with your love and power. Help us believe and share your Christmas miracles, especially the miracle of forgiveness, with everyone we meet. We pray in Jesus' name.

**All:** Amen.

**Congregational Song:**

“Joy to the World”

Lyrics by Isaac Watts

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

(Children Depart)

3. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love!

High School Band will play “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”  
(No lyrics, this will be instrumental)

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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.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Sunday school students will be presenting their Christmas program, "A Miracle in The Manager" on Sunday, December 19th at 9am. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the program. This is in place of the normal Sunday school class time. All are welcome to attend the program and reception. If you are able, please bring a treat to share at the reception.**

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

**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 December** is.....Kidstown International.

### **Weekly Report:**

Worship Attendance for last week: 97

General Fund receipts for last week: \$6,497.14

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

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# YOUTH & FAMILY

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December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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SAVE  
THE  
DATE

December 22/29: No Church Activities

January 5<sup>th</sup>: Quest Kids Family Night

January 7-8<sup>th</sup>: Mega Fun!

January 9<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School resumes

## MEGA FUN!

**Who:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders

**What:** the funnest fun!

**Where:** Camp Lebanon

**When:** January 7-8, 2022

**Why:** to learn about "Holy Habits":  
Life Practices that Help Christ  
Followers Live Jesus Everyday

**How:** Cost is \$39 which covers one  
night stay at camp and meals

Sign up on Y&F board and/or talk  
to Kari Christians for more details!

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

*Feel free to contact me.*

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## ALC MISSION TRIP SUMMER 2022

Plans are underway for mission trip  
planning for next summer. Here is  
what we know so far:

**Destination: Pine Ridge  
Reservation, South Dakota**

**Dates of Trip: July 29-Aug 7**

This trip is open to current 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
graders. The cost is currently being  
formulated, but will be able to be  
covered by fundraisers, including the  
Todd County Fair Stand.

More materials will be sent out  
about the trip as soon as they  
become available. The registration  
deadline will be January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A  
deposit of \$50 will be required at  
that time.

Contact Kari with any questions!



# 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.*



*215 9th Street S.E. Long Prairie, MN 56347*



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. 19<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Christmas Program Worship Service  
10:15 am Reception after Christmas Program  
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study  
11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

**Tue. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** 9:00 am Staff Meeting

**Wed. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** 5:30 pm Worship Team Practice  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

**Fri. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service with  
Caroling  
6:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship  
Service

**Sat. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship Service  
11:30 am Meals, Mugs & Mittens Christmas  
Dinner

**Sun. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Worship Service  
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.