



Whoever
welcomes a
little child...
welcomes me.

Matthew 18:5 (NIV)

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✦ 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.

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, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection.

PASTOR: Most merciful God...

ALL: ...we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Announcement of forgiveness.

♪ Opening Hymn "Bright and Glorious" (verses 1-4)

#075 LBW

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.

♪ The Kyrie, a Prayer for Mercy

PASTOR: In peace, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.

ALL: LORD, have mercy.

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

ALL: Amen!

♪ Hymn of Praise

PASTOR: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

ALL: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: "Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever! Amen." This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, we often miss the signs of Your love. Unless we stop and think about what's happening in our lives, we risk dismissing Your good work as coincidence. Help us to see You in action, and to be patient when it seems like You're not there. Show us our purposes, why each of us is living here and now, and what You would have us do. Amen.

First Reading

Esther 3:8-9, 4:1-4, 13-14

Psalm 27:1, 4, 14

READER: 01 The LORD is my light and my salvation –
so why should I be afraid?

ALL: The LORD is my fortress.

He protects me from danger, so why should I tremble?

READER: 04 The one thing I ask of the LORD –
the thing I seek most –

is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

ALL: There, I would meditate in His Temple.

There, I would delight in the LORD's perfections.

READER: 14 Wait patiently for the LORD.

ALL: And, for now, be brave and courageous.

Yes, wait patiently for the LORD!

Special Music "Where is He?"

Church Choir

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-9

✦ 🎵 Reading Response

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ALL: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

🎵 The Gospel, God's Good News

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of John, the sixteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

John 16:12-15

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "At a Time Like This"

✦ 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.

♪ Offering Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#651 WOV

✦ ♪ The Offering Response

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ALL: Let the vineyards be fruitful, LORD, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be filled with the Bread of Life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come!

The Words of Institution

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♪ Communion Hymns

"How Good, Lord, to be Here"

#089 LBW

"As with Gladness Men of Old" (verses 1-4)

#082 LBW

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

#090 LBW

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 "All Creatures of Our God" (verses 1-3, 7) #527 LBW

Postlude

We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!

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, Lou Gramsey, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Jay Kennedy, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Celeste Miller, Karen Ness, Benjamin Poegel, JoAnn Schrader, Tim Schroeder, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Brian Alnes.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Wanda Thompson in honor of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. 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: January 23, 2022

Malachi 3:1-2, 4:4-6

1 Peter 3:15-16

Psalms 130:1-6

Luke 1:5-7, 11-13, 17a, 18-20

Sermon Title: “400 Years of Silence”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Mason Ellingson

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Reader: Julie Schultes

Ushers: Russ, Jean & Reilly Jacobsen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 30th at 11:30 a.m. There will be a “Time to Talk” at 10:15 a.m. for any questions before the annual meeting. A potblessing (potluck) dinner will follow the meeting.

We are in need of sponsors for our KEYL radio broadcasts for Sundays in 2022. The new sign-up sheet is available in the narthex if you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast. The cost is \$75.00 per Sunday which can be turned in to the church office.

On February 6th there will be an opportunity for members of our church to meet Pastor Ethan. The Meet and Greet will take place in the fellowship hall after the worship service.

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

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 January is the Long Prairie Pregnancy and Life Resource Center – Medical Clinic.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 73

General Fund receipts for last week: \$2,625.00

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,584.67

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 12/31/21:

Budgeted needs: \$240,601.68

Receipts: \$231,290.58

Actual expenses: \$217,787.55

As of January 9th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$727.46 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

January 16th, 2021

SAVE
THE
DATE

January 26th: Quest Derby cars due!

February 2nd: Quest Family Night- Quest Derby

February 6th: Open Skate

February 13th: Deposit due for mission trip

Open Skate

*Let's meet as a church family
for some fun on the ice!*



Sunday Evening · February 6th

Todd Co. Expo Arena

5-7:00pm

No cost!

Skate rental \$3

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 6

This trip is open to current 6th-12th 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 is February 13th, 2022.** A deposit of \$50 will be required at that time.

Contact Kari with any questions!



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. Jan. 16th **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study
11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

Mon. Jan. 17^h **6:30 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. Jan. 18th **9:00 am** Staff Meeting

Wed. Jan. 19th **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
5:30 pm **Family Night Supper**
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sun. Jan. 23rd **9:00 am** **Worship Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
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 our website.