
I KNOW WHOM

I have believed

2 Timothy 1:12



American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “King of Kings”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, we thank You for speaking to us, for giving us good words of guidance, correction, forgiveness, hope, life, and everything else we would need.

ALL: When we hear You, everything makes sense. But often, we don’t listen, and – sometimes – You are silent. O LORD, why would you ever stop speaking?

PASTOR: Have You lost patience with or stubbornness, from our refusal to hear You speaking through Your Word, through the Bible and Your Spirit?

ALL: No! The silence is a pause. Help us learn in those moments, to use that time to think about what You’ve already said.

PASTOR: When God came as Jesus Christ, He spoke a clear vision for each of our lives, and His miraculous sacrifice on the cross and return from the grave makes that new and eternal life possible. We can hear God Himself speak, both now and forever. This is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, we are here to listen to the Bible, to hear Your Word. Speak to us! To everyone in pain, whisper words of comfort and healing. To those who are ready to learn and grow, teach Your ways. And with all who know and love You, shout and sing for joy! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Cornerstone”

First Reading

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

Psalm 130:1-6

READER: 01 From the depths of despair, O LORD,
I call for Your help!

ALL: 02 Hear my cry, O LORD!

Pay attention to my prayer.

READER: 03 LORD, if you kept a record of our sins,
who, O LORD, could ever survive?

**ALL: 04 But you offer forgiveness,
that we might learn to revere You.**

READER: 05 I am counting on the LORD;
yes, I am counting on Him.

I have put my hope in His Word!

**ALL: 06 I wait longingly for the LORD
more than sentries long for the dawn,
yes, even more than sentries long for the dawn.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-16

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

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

The Nicene Creed

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father. Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven; by the
power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered
death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in**

glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon "400 Years of Silence"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"What a Beautiful Name"

Prayers of the People
PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...
ALL: ...hear our prayer.

♪ The Lord's Prayer
ALL: **Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever! Amen.**

Benediction

A word of blessing.

♪ Closing "The Blessing"

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, Alice Arenson, 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 Marlyne Klinder in memory of daughter-in-law Gerri. 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 30, 2022

Isaiah 53:1, 4-5 1 John 5:20
Psalm 2:1-2, 4, 6-8 Luke 4:1-2, 13
Sermon Title: “If You Really Are...”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing	Music: Worship Team
Altar Guild: Betty Oliver	Acolyte: Ethan Barthel
Deacon: Deb Fearing	Reader: Marlyne Klinder
Ushers: Russ, Jean & Reilly Jacobsen	



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign begins January 23, wrapping up on **February 13**. Please pick up a baby bottle and return it with a donation, into the 'gift boxes' or church office. Your gifts will help save the lives of unborn children via support to our local Pregnancy & Life Resource Center! Be encouraged by scripture: "For You created my inmost being, You knit me together in my mother's womb."
Psalm 139:13 ***Bless and thank you in advance!***

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE for upcoming Women's Conference- IF: Long Prairie

When- March 4th, 5:30p-9p and March 5th, 9:30a-3:30p

Where- Long Prairie First Baptist Church

What- All women are welcome to come and participate in this LIVE, virtual event and be inspired by excellent speakers, worship and conversations.

Details- All food is provided: Friday-supper, Saturday- breakfast, lunch and a light snack. There is no cost to attend IF: Long Prairie, there will be a free will donation opportunity at the event.

Register at - iflocal.com, utilize the IF:LOCAL map and type Long Prairie and follow the links

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: 85

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,590.00

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: \$217,187.55

As of January 16th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$4,852.68 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

January 23rd, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

January 26th: Quest Derby cars due!

January 28th: Family Fun at the Schultz's

February 2nd: Quest Family Night- Quest Derby

February 6th: Open Skate

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.

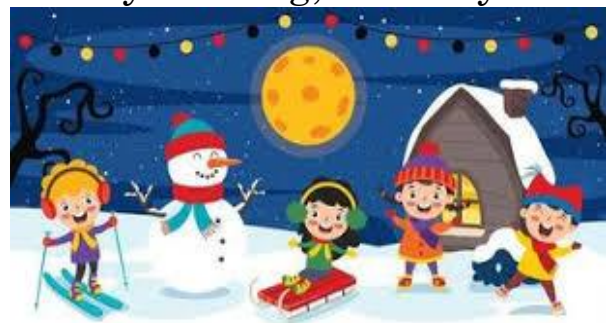
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Family Fun at the Schultz's!

Come out and enjoy games in
the snow, sledding, and more!

Friday evening; January 28th



More details to follow, but
mark your calendars for this
fun night outdoors!

**Mission Trip Deposits being
collected now until Feb. 13th!**

**See details on the
Y&F Board!**



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. 23rd 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am What About ?” Adult Bible Study

Mon. Jan. 24th 6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice

Tue. Jan. 25th 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Jan. 26th 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. 30th 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Time to Talk
11:30 am Annual Meeting with Potluck to Follow

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.