

A close-up photograph of a violin, showing its body, neck, and scroll. The violin is positioned diagonally across the frame. In the background, there are vibrant, out-of-focus flowers in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The overall lighting is warm and soft.

Praise Him

WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS

PSALM 150:4



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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 "On Jordan's Banks" (verses 1, 2, 5)

#036 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, You call us Your children, but we often don't resemble You. Our ideas and choices don't match Your teachings. Even so, You adopt us as Your own, giving us new lives as heirs to Your heavenly Kingdom. Help us to live up to Your family name. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 53:1, 4-5

Psalm 2:1-2, 4, 6-8

READER: 01 Why are the nations so angry?

Why do they waste their time with futile plans?

**ALL: 02 The kings of the earth prepare for battle;
the rulers plot together against the LORD
and against His anointed one.**

READER: 04 But the One who rules in Heaven laughs.
The LORD scoffs at them.

ALL: 06 For the LORD declares,

**“I have enthroned My chosen king in Jerusalem!
He has been given a throne on My holy mountain.”**

READER: 07 And the king proclaims the LORD's decree:

“The LORD told me, ‘You are My son!
Today I have become your Father.

**ALL: 08 Only ask, and I will give you the nations
as your inheritance,
the whole earth as your possession.”**

Second Reading

1 John 5:20

✦  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 Luke, the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Luke 4:1-2, 13

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "If You Really Are..."

✦ 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 "From Heaven Above" (verses 1, 3, 14)

#051 LBW

✦ ♪ 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

“The Son of God, Our Christ” (verses 1-4)	#434 LBW
“Holy, Holy, Holy”	#165 LBW
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	#198 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 “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

#343 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, Malachi Alnes, 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 the Variables Supper Group. 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: February 6, 2022

Micah 6:1-3, 6-8 Romans 8:3-4

Psalms 15:1-4 Matthew 5:1-2

Sermon Title: “Be Perfect”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Altar Guild: Betty Oliver

Acolyte: Evan Flan

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Reader: Ronelle Hasse

Ushers: Russ, Jean & Reilly Jacobsen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is our Annual Meeting at 11:30 a.m. 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.

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!***

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: 68

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,512.23

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

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 23rd, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$4,887.61 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

January 30th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

February 2nd: Quest Family Night- Quest Derby

February 6th: Open Skate

March 2nd: Ash Wednesday Service

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

**Making summer
plans?**

SUMMER

**Make plans for
bible camp!**

*Camp registrations are open
now for summer camps!*

Want a campership? You can go
to camp for free by working at the
church food stand during the Todd
County Fair (July 14-17).

Campership forms are on the
Youth and Family table or talk
with Kari Christians
for more info!

How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

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**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!

