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*Not one
of them is forgotten by
God*
Luke 12:6 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Graves into Gardens”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You have chosen us, asking us to follow You.

ALL: You have invited us to be Your disciples now and forever.

PASTOR: But why us?

ALL: You know everything about us, about me. You see both the good and the bad!

PASTOR: God does see you. He sees your potential, the “you” He created you to be. And when God came to us as Jesus Christ, He came to repair the way, the way to becoming that “you.” He came to make that “you” a possibility through the life-*saving* power of His death on the cross, and through His life-*giving* return from the grave three days later. Despite who you used to be, God has renewed you, and now He calls you to a forgiven, eternal life with. That is why we worship the LORD today!

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, I wouldn’t choose the people You choose.

Honestly, I wouldn’t even choose me, but You choose us. Help us to live, now and always, as Your chosen people. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “How Great is Our God”

First Reading

Hosea 6:4-6

Psalm 65

READER: 01 What mighty praise, O God,
belongs to You [on the holy mountain] in Zion.

ALL: We will fulfill our vows to You,

02 because You answer our prayers!

READER: All of us must come to You.

**ALL: 03 Even though we are overwhelmed by our sins,
You forgive them all!**

READER: 04 What joy for those You choose to bring near,
those who live in Your holy courts.

**ALL: What festivities await us
inside Your holy Temple.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:9-10

Special Music “How Beautiful”

The Church Choir

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

Matthew 9:9-13

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 "The Chosen"

♪ Our Offering of Worship
"Great Are You Lord"

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 "All the People Said Amen"

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, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Celeste Miller, Karen Ness, Benjamin Poegel, JoAnn Schrader, Tim Schroeder, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wieggers, the family of Lorna Arenson, and the family of Jay Kennedy.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by JoAnn, Jill, Jason and family in memory of Dick whose birthday was February 17th. 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 Blain Hall, Head Usher, with any questions.

Bible Readings for Next Week: May 20, 2021

Exodus 40:16-17, 30-32 James 4:7-10

Psalms 51:1, 7, 10-11 Mark 7:1-8

Sermon Title: “Clean and Unclean”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Jane Olson

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Music: Youth Worship Team

Acolyte: Caden Schultz

Ushers: The Wieggers family



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!***

The Funeral Committee is looking for a fourth person to help with prepping food the day before the funeral. Call Pearl Kramer 320-732-4225.

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 February is Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief. For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has followed Christ's command by going to the aid of the poor, sick and suffering. They reach out to hurting people in our own country and countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 73

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,029.00

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 February 6th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$8,001.87 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

February 13th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

February 23rd: Youth Missions Family Night Supper
March 2nd: Ash Wednesday Service
April 10th: Palm Sunday Brunch

Making summer plans?



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.
Kari Christians (320)533-3021
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Mission Trip Deposits being
collected now until Feb. 13th!

See details on the
Y&F Board!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 - 11:15am

SAVE THE DATES!

March 13th- Singing during Church

April 10th- Singing during Palm Sunday

May 1st- Mentors and May Day Baskets

- Mentors involved in 'Salt and Light' are invited to join us during Sunday School for treats and a special May Day project
- Mentors: please bring your favorite wrapped treats for baskets!

May 8th- Last Day of Sunday School

May 15th- Spring Program during Church

July 17th-21st- VBS



FROM ASHES

GOD GROWS BEAUTY

🕒 5:15 P.M. MEAL ▶ 6:00 P.M. MUSIC + MESSAGE

- 🕒 ▶ **MAR. 02** 'LETTUCE LEAF' WITH THE HOWARDS
- 🕒 ▶ **MAR. 09** 'JUST A SMALL TOWN GIRL' WITH KYLE WINGE
- 🕒 ▶ **MAR. 16** 'BURRITO' WITH THE REYNOLDS WORSHIP BAND
- 🕒 ▶ **MAR. 23** 'TURN, TURN, TURN' WITH HARPIST CHRIS WARD
- 🕒 ▶ **MAR. 30** 'CLAY POTTER' WITH KEVIN + MIKE
- 🕒 ▶ **APR. 06** 'THE RAISIN'' WITH KEYS
- 🕒 **APR. 14** PASSOVER SEDER MEAL
- 🕒 ▶ **APR. 15** GOOD FRIDAY 'BEAUTIFUL THINGS'
- APR. 17** 7:00 AM. EASTER SUNDAY SONRISE WORSHIP

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Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

Sun. Feb. 13th **Deadline for Mission Trip Deposits**
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting

Mon. Feb. 14th **6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice**

Tue. Feb. 15th **9:00 am Staff Meeting**

Wed. Feb. 16th **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. Feb. 20th **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion and
Baptism**
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study
11:30 am Missions Committee Meeting

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.