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All creatures great and small,
The Lord God
made them all.

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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 "Shall We Gather at the River"

#690 WOV

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.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Almighty God, our lives often leave us feeling filthy. The times we have fallen and failed cling to us like mud, but You wash us clean. Thank You for cleansing us, for dressing us with new life every day, and for guiding us along the way to our heavenly Home with You! Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 40:16-17, 30-32

Psalm 51:1, 7, 10-11

READER: 01 Have mercy on me, O God,
because of Your unfailing love.

**ALL: 02 Your compassion is great,
so blot out the stain of my sins.**

READER: 07 Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**ALL: 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

READER: 11 Do not banish me from Your presence,
and don't take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Second Reading

James 4:7-10

✦ 🎵 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

Page 83 LBW

PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of Mark, the seventh chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

Mark 7:1-8

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Holy Baptism – Eleanor Autumn Fearing

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♪ Hymn of the Day “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” #770 WOV

Sermon “Clean and Unclean”

✦ 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 “Thine the Amen” (verses 1-3)

#801 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

#776 WOV

“Blessed Assurance”

#699 WOV

“Soon and Very Soon”

#744 WOV

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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#721 WOV

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, Rose Thorp, and Sharon Wiegers.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by ALCW in honor of Leora Hillman’s birthday. 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: February 27, 2022

Genesis 2:4-7, 18, 21-22 Ephesians 5:6-9

Psalms 40:1-4 John 9:1-7

Sermon Title: “Here’s Mud in Your Eye!”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Kari Christens

Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder

Acolyte: Addison Young

Deacon: Deb Fearing

Reader: Julie Schultes

Ushers: The Young 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.

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 March 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 March is our Long Prairie Food Shelf. A box for food donations is in the narthex. Food and money donations are needed. Earmark your monetary gift "Food Shelf" and we'll make sure they get it. March is **Minnesota Food Share** month.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 81

General Fund receipts for last week: \$5,003.00

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 13th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$7,690.53 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

February 20th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

February 23rd: Youth Missions Family Night Supper
March 2nd: Ash Wednesday Service
April 10th: Palm Sunday Brunch
May 1st: First Communion Sunday

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!

Mission Trip Fundraising Supper

Wednesday night
February 23rd
5:30pm



**All donations go toward
the 2022 Mission Trip to
Pine Ridge Reservation in
South Dakota! Thank you
for supporting our youth!**

How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

Kari Christians (320)533-3021

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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. 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
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting
- Mon. Feb. 21st** **7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study**
- Tue. Feb. 22nd** **9:00 am Staff Meeting**
- Wed. Feb. 23rd** **9:30 am ALCW Meeting**
5:30 pm Family Night Supper – Mission Trip Fundraiser
5:50 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Sun. Feb. 27th** **9:00 am Worship Service with Baptism**
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.