



WHEN WE CANNOT
see OUR WAY,
LET US *trust*
AND STILL
obey.

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American Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “Mighty to Save”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, You formed the very first man from the earth, from the soil. Then You breathed life into him, into humanity, into every future generation, including us today.

ALL: But we forget ourselves. We ignore the life You gave us, choosing instead to lower ourselves back down into the dirt.

PASTOR: Will I stay stuck in this mud, in the muck of my mistakes? Without You, my destiny in nothing more than dust!

ALL: Dust to dust! Without You, I will die.

PASTOR: But God never gives up on you. He returns, again and again, to pull you up out of the pit. As Jesus Christ, He lived, died, and returned to life to give you that same miracle. He rescues you, cleans you off, and breathes new life into you, and that is why we worship the LORD God today!

Prayer of the Day – Psalm 69:14-15 by King David

ALL: Loving God,

Rescue me from the mud;

don’t let me sink any deeper!

Save me from those who hate me,

and pull me from these deep waters.

Don’t let the floods overwhelm me,

or the deep waters swallow me,

or the pit of death devour me! Amen.

♪ Opening Song “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

First Reading

Genesis 2:4-7, 18, 21-22

Psalm 40:1-4

READER: 01 I waited patiently for the LORD to help me,
and He turned to me and heard my cry.

**ALL: 02 He lifted me out of the pit of despair,
out of the mud and the mire.**

READER: 03 He has given me a new song to sing,
a hymn of praise to our God!

**ALL: Many will see what He has done and be amazed.
Then they will put their trust in the LORD.**

READER: 04 Oh, the joys of those who trust the LORD...

**ALL: ... they have no confidence in the proud
or in the worship of false gods, of idols.**

Special Music “Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Church Choir

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:6-9

✦ The Gospel, God’s Good News

John 9:1-7

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.

Holy Baptism – Kaiden John Berscheit

Sermon “Here’s Mud in Your Eye!”

♪ Our Offering of Worship

“Open Our Eyes”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

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 “Awesome is the Lord Most High”

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 an anonymous donor in honor of Pastor Ethan and his family. 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: March 6, 2022

Isaiah 33:21-22, 24 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Psalms 24:1-5, 9-10 Luke 17:20-27

Sermon Title: “Already / Not Yet”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Jane Olson

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Music: Worship Team

Acolyte: Ronelle Hasse

Ushers: The David Hasse 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.

ALCW meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 1st at 9:30 a.m. at the church fellowship hall. Please plan to attend and share your input. See you then!

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 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: 82

General Fund receipts for last week: \$3,183.00

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 20th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$9,030.74 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

February 27th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

March 2nd: Ash Wednesday Service

April 9th: Palm Sunday Brunch Prep Day

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 Trippers!



**Dates to
remember:**

**April 9: Palm
Sunday Brunch
prep (8:30-noon)**

**April 10th: Palm
Sunday Brunch
(10:00-noon)**

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





SALT AND LIGHT MENTORS: IMPACT THE WORLD RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!

Don't forget to check in with your Sunday school friend! Let them know you are thinking about them and praying for their family. Our Sunday school students love to know that ALC cares!

For questions, ideas, and contact info – talk to Alyssa Fearing

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 5:16

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. 27th** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Baptism
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study
- Mon. Feb. 28th** **6:30 pm** Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Mar. 1st** **9:30 am** ALCW Meeting
5:30 pm Youth and Family Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 2nd** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
5:15 pm Family Night Supper
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service with “Lettuce Leaf” message and music by The Howards
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Thu. Mar. 3rd** **7:00 pm** Deacon Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 4th** **5:30 pm – 9:00 pm** Women’s Event - IF:Gathering at First Baptist Church
- Sat. Mar. 5th** **9:30 am – 3:30 pm** Women’s Event - IF:Gathering at First Baptist Church
- Sun. Mar. 6th** **9:00 am** Worship Service with Communion
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.