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God made  
His light shine  
in our hearts

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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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.

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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 "Children of the Heav'nly Father"

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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: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

**ALL: LORD God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, LORD God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

♪ A Hopeful Blessing

PASTOR: The LORD be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**ALL: Loving God, we thank You for always wanting the best for us, for encouraging us, for asking us to follow You. Guide us, picking us up whenever we fall. Show us how we might live complete lives, both now and forever! Amen.**

## First Reading

*Micah 6:1-3, 6-8*

## Psalm 15:1-4

READER: <sup>01</sup> Who may worship in Your sanctuary, LORD?

Who can approach Your presence on Your holy hill?

**ALL: <sup>02</sup> Those who lead blameless lives.**

**Those who do what is right,  
speaking the truth from sincere hearts.**

READER: <sup>03</sup> Those who refuse to gossip  
or harm their neighbors  
or speak evil of their friends.

**ALL: <sup>04</sup> And those who cannot tolerate flagrant sinners.**

READER: Honor the LORD and His faithful followers,  
and keep your promises even when it hurts.

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:3-4*

## ✦ 🎵 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 Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!**

## *Matthew 5:1-2*

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon “Be Perfect”

### The Installation of Officers

**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 “Rise Up, O Saints of God” (verses 1-4) #383 LBW

✦ ♪ The Offering Response Page 75 LBW

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

The Words of Institution Page 69 LBW

♪ Communion Hymns

“Amazing Grace” #448 LBW

“Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing” #499 LBW

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (verses 1-4) #352 LBW

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

**ALL: ...hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer Page 76 LBW

**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 “On Our Way Rejoicing”

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Postlude

*We depart in peace, ready to serve the LORD!*

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

**If you would like to sponsor a KEYL Radio Broadcast 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 13, 2022**

Hosea 6:4-6                      2 Timothy 1:9-10

Psalms 65                        Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon Title: "The Chosen"

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Altar Guild: Jane Olson

Deacon: Jon Fevig

Organist: Ruth Zinter

Acolyte: Logan Thom

Ushers: The Dave Hasse family



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today 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.

**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 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](http://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](mailto: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: 80

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,640.39

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 30<sup>th</sup>, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$7,509.66 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

# YOUTH & FAMILY

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

February 6<sup>th</sup>: Church Family Open Skate  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Youth Missions Family Night Supper  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ash Wednesday Service

## *Open Skate*

*Let's meet as a church family  
for some fun on the ice!*



*Sunday Evening · February 6<sup>th</sup>  
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.  
Kari Christians (320)533-3021  
karichristians@yahoo.com

**Mission Trip Deposits being  
collected now until Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>!**

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

## Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**      **9:00 am Worship Service with Communion**  
**10:15 am Meet and Greet with Pastor Ethan in Fellowship Hall**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**  
**11:15 am Board of Education Meeting**  
**5:00 pm Family Event Open Skate**
- Mon. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**      **5:30 pm Audio-Visual Committee Meeting**  
**6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice**
- Tue. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>**      **9:00 am Staff Meeting**  
**7:00 pm Trustee Meeting**
- Wed. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**      **9:30 am Esther Circle**  
**5:30 pm Family Night Supper**  
**5:50 pm Confirmation Class**  
**6:00 pm Quest Kids at Baptist Church**  
**6:30 pm Choir Practice**  
**8:00 pm Church Council Meeting**
- Sun. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**      **Deadline for Mission Trip Deposits**  
**9:00 am Worship Service**  
**10:15 am Sunday School**  
**10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Studay**  
**7:00 pm Bible Readers 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.