

The LORD
is my rock, and
my fortress.

2 SAMUEL 22:2

American Lutheran Church (ALC)

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✦ Please stand as you are able.

♪ Prelude “He Reigns”

We prepare for worship.

Welcome and the Sharing of God’s Peace

✦ Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, give us the courage to be real, to be genuine, to show the world who we are.

ALL: Because I tend to lie, to hide my failures and imperfections, to project instead an image that I hope others will believe.

PASTOR: But You see all, Lord Jesus Christ, and You came to forgive and restore us. Your death on the cross, and Your return from the grave, miraculously give us new life.

ALL: We don’t have to hide! Instead, we can show others the good God has done for us. We can live a truly transformed life now and forever!

PASTOR: That is why we worship the LORD our God today.

Prayer of the Day

ALL: Loving God, help me to see others as You see them. By Your Holy Spirit, give me love for them, Your perfect and sacrificial love that is honest, vulnerable, and life-changing. Amen.

♪ Opening Song “Here I Am, Lord”

First Reading

Isaiah 29:13-14

Psalms 101:1-2a, 2c, 4-6a, 7b

READER: ⁰¹ I will sing of Your love and justice, O LORD!

ALL: I will praise You with songs!

READER: ^{02a} I will be careful to live a blameless life –

ALL: ^{02c} I will lead a life of integrity

in my own home.

READER: 04 I will reject perverse ideas
and stay away from every evil.

**ALL: 05 I will not tolerate people who slander others.
I will not endure conceit and pride.**

READER: 06a I will search for faithful people
to be my companions.

ALL: 07b And I will not allow liars to stand in my presence.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

✦ The Gospel, God's Good News

Matthew 23:1-7

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.**

Special Music “We Can Trust Him”

The Children’s Choir

Sermon “The Hip Hypocrites”

♪ Our Offering of Worship
“Heart of Worship”
“I Can Only Imagine”

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 – Edelweiss

A song of blessing.

♪ Closing “Days of Elijah”

Sending Song “The Tears Have Left”

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, Cynthia Arlo, Lou Gramsey, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, Benjamin Poegel, JoAnn Schrader, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Ruth Zinter.

Today’s KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Al Tirk’s family in celebration of his 82nd birthday which was March 12th. 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 20, 2022

Proverbs 29:2 1 Peter 5:1-4

Psalms 23 John 13:1-8

Sermon Title: “Servant Leadership”

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Music: Pastor Ethan

Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder

Acolyte: Ellianna Young

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Reader: Janie Thole

Usher: Blain Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Bottles 2022 - from 25 of 33 bottles dispensed to ALC members: ALC church people were very generous. These bottles totaled \$978.80. Thank you and praise God for His generosity through His people. Blessings, Peggy Stacey, Director of Pregnancy and Life Resource Center – Medical Center

The March issue of The Daily Walk and copies of Our Daily Bread are on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary.

March is Food Share Month. The 2021 Food Pantry report is found on page 31 of the Annual Report or on a post on the bulletin board. Contributions are again welcome in 2022. There is a collection box in the narthex. Monetary donations can be given to Food Pantry treasurer, Julie Schultes. Thanks! Mission Committee

Please sign up for the Passover Seder Meal on the easel in the narthex if you would like to attend. The Seder Meal will be at 5:15 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 14th.

Palm Sunday Brunch sign-up sheets are posted on the easel in the narthex. Help is needed with various items. The brunch will be a fund raiser for our high school youth Summer Mission Trip.

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.

Weekly Report:

Worship Attendance for last week: 171

General Fund receipts for last week: \$6,303.17

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 1/31/22:

Budgeted needs: \$40,690.89

Receipts: \$30,147.94

Actual expenses: \$34,293.84

As of February 27th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$8,760.99 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Facebook Page: American Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

YOUTH & FAMILY

March 13th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

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

karichristians@yahoo.com

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

10 WAYS TO REACH OUT AND
CONNECT WITH YOUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIEND

1. PRAY FOR THEM
2. TALK TO THEM AT CHURCH
3. SEND THEM A CARD OR LETTER
4. TALK TO THEM ON THE PHONE
5. READ A BOOK TOGETHER
6. BRING THEM THEIR FAVORITE TREAT
7. TEACH THEM SOMETHING NEW/GIVE THEM ADVICE
8. GO TO THEIR SPORTS GAME AND CHEER THEM ON
9. VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT DURING YOUTH GROUP
10. HAVE LUNCH WITH THEM AT SCHOOL

FOR QUESTIONS, IDEAS, OR 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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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday
April 28, 2022

Pregnancy and Life
Resource Center - Medical Clinic

Share in Life
Celebration
Fundraising Gathering

6:30 pm

First Baptist Church, Long Prairie

(320) 533 0976

Catering by
Smoke 'N Motion

Discover the
reason behind the
empty chair...



Vaunae Hansel
of
Elevate Life

Vaunae is President of Elevate Life, a life-affirming, non-profit organization that provides the affiliated network of pregnancy resource centers and clinics the support and services they need to thrive and build up a culture of life in their communities.



Weekly Schedule at American Lutheran Church

- Sun. Mar. 13th** **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
9:00 am **Worship Service**
10:15 am **Sunday School**
10:15 am “What about ?” Adult Bible Study
11:15 am Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm Bible Readers Meeting
- Mon. Mar. 14th** **5:30 pm** Audio-Visual Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice
- Tue. Mar. 15th** **9:00 am** Staff Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 16th** **11:00 am** Newsletter Articles Due
5:15 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm **Lenten Worship Service with “Burrito”
message and The Reynolds Worship Band**
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sun. Mar. 20th** **9:00 am** **Worship Service with Communion**
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.