



God

made the beast
of the earth

Genesis 1:25

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.

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 "Here in This Place"

#718 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.

♪ 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: Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me life in Jesus Christ. Thank You for never-ending life, for a life overflowing with blessing, even in these troubling times. Guide me by Your Holy Spirit to accomplish the most good with this life here and now. May I be a giver of Your love, a servant always willing to be a blessing to others. Grant me courage for that cause every day, LORD! Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 29:2

Psalm 23

READER: 01 The LORD is my shepherd,
so I have everything I need.

**ALL: 02 He lets me rest in green meadows,
and He leads me beside peaceful streams.**

READER: 03 He renews my strength.

He guides me along the right paths...

ALL: ... which is an honorable credit to His name.

READER: 04 Even when I walk
through the darkest valley...

ALL: I will not be afraid...

READER: ... for you are close beside me.

**ALL: Your rod and Your staff
protect and comfort me.**

READER: 05 You prepare a feast for me
where all my enemies can see.

**ALL: You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings!**

READER: 06 Surely Your goodness and unfailing love
will pursue me all the days of my life...

ALL: ... and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Special Music "Come to Jesus"

The Church Choir

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

♪ The Gospel, God's Good News

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PASTOR: This is the holy gospel of John, the thirteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to You, O LORD!

John 13:1-8

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Servant Leadership"

✦ 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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#754 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!

♪ Communion Hymns

- “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (verses 1-3) #756 WOV
“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” #706 WOV
“Blessed Assurance” #699 WOV

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...
ALL: ...hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

**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 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” #723 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, Cynthia Arlo, Lou Gramsey, Larry Hatton, Mike Holden, Stephanie James, Kay Larson, Linda Maus, Karen Ness, JoAnn Schrader, Rose Thorp, Sharon Wiegers, and the family of Ruth Zinter.

Today's KEYL Radio Broadcast of our worship service is sponsored by Wesley Holt in memory of his wife, Myrtle Holt. 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 27, 2022

1 Samuel 2:2 1 Peter 2:4-6

Psalm 18:1-19 John 21:1-9

Sermon by Pastor Bill Bakewicz

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Ethan Fearing

Pianist: Kari Christians

Altar Guild: Marlyne Klinder

Acolyte: Ethan Barthel

Deacon: Blanche Tirk

Reader: Marvin Poegel

Ushers: The Young family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April 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.

Crocheting “Shoeboxers” – We have been blessed with some great quantities of cotton yarn for *Soap Saver Bags!* This is a fast, easy project which is super helpful for putting bars of soap in our Shoeboxes. I have a pattern (crochet) also which can be completed in 2+ hours! If you are interested, talk to Blanche. We put a bar of soap & a washcloth or soap saver bag in EVERY Shoebox (500+) we send!

OCC Shoebox Central Minnesota Team Meeting on Saturday, March 26th from 10 am to 11:30 am at American Lutheran Church, Long Prairie. Anyone interested in planning or learning more about our area OCC Shoebox project is welcome to attend.

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: 88

General Fund receipts for last week: \$4,473.17

General Fund budgeted weekly needs: \$4,521.21

General Fund Year to Date (YTD) as of 2/28/22:

Budgeted needs: \$40,690.89

Receipts: \$30,147.94

Actual expenses: \$34,293.84

As of March 13th, our 2022 YTD General Budget receipts were \$8,809.03 behind our YTD General Budget needs.

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Sunday Worship Livestream: on Facebook

Online Donations: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHFM>



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

YOUTH & FAMILY

March 20th, 2022

SAVE
THE
DATE

April 9th: Palm Sunday Brunch Prep Day
April 10th: Palm Sunday Brunch
May 1st: First Communion Sunday
May 15th: Sunday School Program

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!

Join us for

Palm Sunday Brunch

*Sunday, April 10th at 10:15am
following the 9:00 worship service*

*Serving: Egg Bake
Fresh Fruit
Coffee Cake
Coffee and Juice*

*Free Will Offering will go towards our
2022 Summer Youth Mission Trip to Pine
Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, on
July 29-Aug 6*

How's life? Want to talk about it?

Feel free to contact me.

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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

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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. 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

Mon. Mar. 21st 6:30 pm Youth Worship Team Practice
7:00 pm Sarah Circle Bible Study

Tue. Mar. 22nd 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed. Mar. 23rd 5:15 pm **Family Night Supper**
6:00 pm **Lenten Worship Service with “Turn, Turn, Turn” message and Harpist Chris Ward**
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sat. Mar. 26th 10:00 am – 11:30 am OCC Shoebox Central
Minnesota Team Meeting

Sun. Mar. 27th 9:00 am **Worship Service**
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.